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Dons' sensational signing of Toon's Alan Smith

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Doused in petrol, tied and tortured

THE ringleader of a gang who viciously 'tortured' two men in scenes comparable to a Hollywood gangster film has been jailed indefinitely.

Twenty-year-old Abdullah Patima was given an indeterminate sentence for the public's protection after the horrendous attack, which saw the victims doused with petrol, tied up and continually beaten with weapons.

One man was thrown into the boot of a car and driven to a woodland fearing for his life.

Their ordeal began after the pair travelled to a flat in Conniburrow to buy cannabis on October 3 last year.

The first victim entered and was greeted by the five-strong gang who had covered their faces with scarves and balaclavas and wielded weapons, including a hand gun, sledgehammer and baseball bat.

After £20 was paid for the drugs, Patima, who was calling himself AK, took charge of assaulting the twenty-six-year-old who was continually hit over the head before being tied up with blue nylon string.

Patima then lured the second 32-year-old victim, who was waiting outside, into the flat and he too was attacked and tied up.

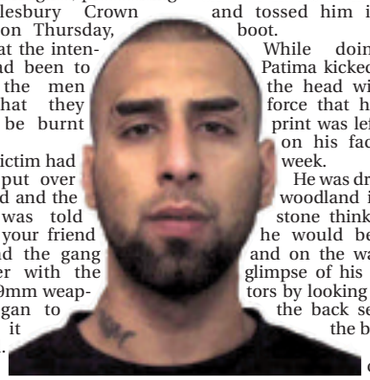
Both were then brutally assaulted again and Patima poured petrol over one of the terrified victims.

This prompted another member of the gang to walk nearby while flicking a lighter on and off to the horror of the two men.

One of the men was driven to this woodland near Woolstone by Abdullah Patima, *below,* and the gang

Merrill Hughes, prosecuting at Aylesbury Crown Court on Thursday, said that the intention had been to make the men fear that they would be burnt alive.

One victim had a bag put over his head and the other was told 'watch your friend die' and the gang member with the gun, a 9mm weapon, began to wave it around.



Cash was stolen from the men's car and the gang then rolled up the man who had initially entered the house in a carpet and tossed him into the boot.

While doing this Patima kicked him in the head with such force that his shoeprint was left visible on his face for a week.

He was driven to a woodland in Woolstone thinking that he would be killed, and on the way got a glimpse of his tormentors by looking through the back seat from the boot.

He was dumped in the wood while in the meantime the other man had managed to escape the flat and raise the alarm by speaking to a neighbour.

Police had also been called to Woolstone by members of the public who had spotted the group.

Both men suffered severe injuries and spent time in hospital. They have now had their identities protected and are living in a safe-house.

Patima, of Ramsons Avenue, Conniburrow, voluntarily handed himself in to police when he heard they were looking for him.

But he refused to give any information about the rest of the gang.

The court heard that no further arrests have been made in relation to the case.

At a previous court hearing Patima had pleaded guilty to kidnap, false imprisonment, two counts of ABH and theft, and he appeared from custody on Thursday for sentencing.

His defence argued that his involvement in the attacks had not been pre-planned but Judge Joanna Cutts said the petrol and weapons were already in the flat.

She said: "You effectively tortured these men and I must pass a sentence for the safety of the public."

The judge recommended that Patima serves at least three years before being eligible for parole.

Above: Armed police on patrol in Woolstone after the kidnap
Below: The wood where one of the tortured victims was dumped
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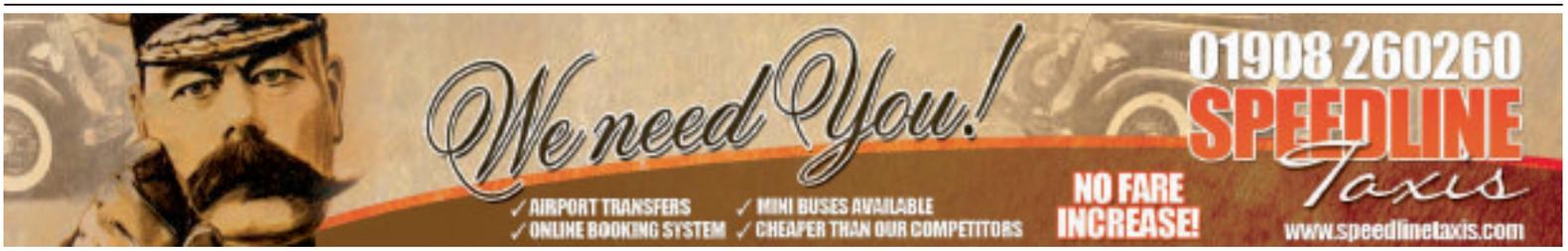

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Congestion fears: Mohammed Khan outside Oxley Park Primary School

Concern for child safety

FEARFUL residents are calling for Milton Keynes Council to tackle the issue of parking congestion around a primary school.

Because Oxley Park school is next to shops and the community centre, congestion builds up quickly and community campaigner Mohammed Khan is worried it is only a matter of time before a child is injured.

Mr Khan said: "The problems outside the school, especially at peak school times, are a nightmare. Action is needed before someone gets hurt."

With more building work due to start soon residents are concerned that the issues will escalate.

Mr Khan said: "I was asked by my residents to try and sort out the congestion mess around the school.

"I want to see a review of the area and consideration given to changing the access and parking arrangements."

He believes the problems were caused by bad planning when the area was developed.

John Bint, cabinet member for transport and highways, said: "I have asked highways officers to look at the situation because there have been general concerns over the years regarding narrow roads.

"We will also look at what we can learn from this."

Driving instructor is guilty of sex assault

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A DRIVING instructor has been found guilty of sexually assaulting his pupils.

Thomas Cook, 59, of Christie Close, Newport Pagnell, was working as an independent driving instructor when he sexually assaulted two female pupils while he was teaching them to drive.

Despite denying both charges, Cook was found guilty on Thursday following a three-day trial at Aylesbury Crown Court.

The first incident took place in July 2008, when Cook touched a 20-year-old woman indecently during a driving lesson.

Then in November 2010, he sexually assaulted a 17-year-old.

Investigating officer Detective Constable Darren Street, of Milton Keynes CID, said: "Cook acted in a predatory fashion and targeted young women he was teaching to drive for his own gratification.

"I would like to thank both victims for their bravery and courage in supporting the police investigation and subsequent trial, as they have both been through a very traumatic ordeal."

Cook is due to be sentenced for both offences at Aylesbury Crown Court on February 23.

Arson at full family home

A LIT object was posted through the letterbox of a family home yesterday while seven people, including a five-year-old, were inside.

The fire was quickly put out by the residents of the house in Beadlemead, Netherfield, as they went to investigate after hearing the letterbox close.

But DC Joanne Pape, investigating, said it could have been a serious incident if the fire had taken hold.

Anyone with information about the incident, which took place at 12.15am, should contact DC Pape on 101, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Competition for new waste site

TWO companies have been shortlisted by Milton Keynes Council, which is aiming to design, build and operate a facility to deal with the city's 'black sack' waste.

AmeyCespa and FCC (working with WRG) have been shortlisted for the contract, which would last for up to 15 years and divert residual waste away from environmentally damaging and expensive landfill sites. The new facility will be built in Dickens Road, Old Wolverton.

The company will be chosen in September and construction could be finished by April 2016.

Malaysian killings papers released

FAMILIES of 24 people killed in Batang Kali, Malaysia, in December 1948 are hoping to find out the truth about their deaths after key documents were released from archives in Hanslope Park.

Lawyers representing the families received the correspondence on past investigations into the killing of the unarmed villagers by British soldiers.

But the Foreign Office has maintained it will not be establishing a public inquiry into the incident.

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In fine voice: Katy Webster, Bob Stott and Brian Coulstock from choirs in MK are pictured with Bonny Coombe, educational assistant, and Graeme Surtees, head of education and community engagement, both from The Stables

Co-op gives club something to sing about

A COMMUNITY singing group has been awarded £450 from The Co-operative Membership Community Fund.

The MK Singing Network has received the grant to promote the growth of smaller singing groups in the area.

Chairman, Brian Coulstock, said: "We are really happy to benefit from the funding, it is a great boost to the network."

MK Singing Network was developed as a self-supporting group to create a link between all of the singing groups in the city and was inspired by a similar scheme at The Stables.

The Community Fund is created by members of The Co-operative Group who elect to donate all, or part, of their dividend payments to the scheme.

The funds are then shared with local community projects and groups.

Julia Fuller, membership officer for The Co-operative's central and eastern region, said: "It's a scheme we're very proud of because so many people choose to give something back to local communities."

For more information about the MK Singing Network, visit www.mksingingnetwork.com.

'Whistleblowers will be protected'

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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CONCERNS staff at Milton Keynes Council (MKC) may not be 'blowing the whistle' on problems for fear of losing their jobs were raised last week.

But in an exclusive interview with MK NEWS, chief executive David Hill said there is a 'comprehensive policy' in place to ensure whistleblowers will not be affected by their decision.

The debate was sparked at an Audit Committee meeting last Wednesday by George Harlock, whose accusations about maintenance failings on the city's bridges triggered an internal report into the service.

Mr Harlock was made redundant from MKC's private business partner Mouchel last year.

Members were worried this would not be reassuring for whistleblowers and said MKC's policy was not stringent enough.

Councillor Andrew Dransfield said: "We've got to make sure there's confidence that anyone who wants to come forward feels they can without being attacked and losing their job."

Mr Hill said they are committed to protecting the identity of employees, contractors and anyone associated with the council.

He added: "There will be no adverse consequences to a whistleblower if they, in good faith, draw attention to an area of concern. We seek to apply that to contractors, but that's for them to deal with under their own employment arrangements."

■ To see the full interview with Mr Hill, visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

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Jordan store signing

GLAMOUR mode Katie Price will be doing a store signing at Store Twenty One in Milton Keynes on March 10. She has teamed up with the high street retailer to produce an exclusive range called 'Katie's Boutique'.

Police work is praised

PRAISE was given to Thames Valley Police for its high standards in recording crime and incident data. Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary said the force effectively responded to victim's needs. Francis Habgood, Deputy Chief Constable, said: "To receive such positive feedback is a testament to the way everyone accepted the new ways of working."

Author to open new library

BESTSELLING local author Josephine Cox, *pictured,* will be on hand to open the new Woburn Sands Library on Saturday.

The new library at the town's Institute is being opened as the result of a new partnership agreement between Milton Keynes Council and Woburn Sands Town Council. The old library in Hardwick Road closed its doors on January 21.

The new version incorporates a full range of services, including books, CDs, DVDs and PCs with internet access.

And a programme of special children's activities have been arranged for the opening day – which also happens to be National Libraries Day.

Ms Cox will be joined by town mayor, Councillor Meg Bates, and will be signing copies of her newly-published bestseller, Midnight, from 10am.

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Pleased smoking issue has been highlighted

SIR - Disappointing as it is to have seen Stony Stratford Town Council fail to support a smoking ban for children's parks and locations close to schools ('Smoking ban bid gets stubbed out', MK NEWS, January 25), I am pleased that public awareness has been raised on the harmful effects of smoking.

I expect that smokers in the town will feel the piercing glare of others and their peers as they puff away and will feel the need to voluntarily not smoke in public places. This is how legislation to stop dog fouling first came about.

No-one has been able to give one reason why smoking is a good thing.

One has to wonder what human right and freedom a smoking ban infringes. It is a ludicrous suggestion that there are such things. It really does not warrant any consideration.

Stony Stratford stands out as a great place to live, work and play. If you have never been, come and see it for yourself. Parking is free and easy, food is plentiful and service and sense of community are outstanding.

Councillor Paul Bartlett

'Shocked' store plans were given go-ahead

SIR - I am shocked to find out that John Lewis has won its planning battle and Middleton Hall will now be reduced in size by alterations ('John Lewis expansion plans given go-ahead', MK NEWS, January 25).

What is going on here? It looks like Milton Keynes Council's planning committee has ignored the advice of English Heritage. How is it that an organisation such as John Lewis gets away with treating listed buildings like this? I feel sure they'd never achieve this inside iconic buildings in other British cities.

What makes this so exasperating in my mind is that there are other ways of extending the amount of retail area in the shopping centre. The obvious starting point would be to extend the present arcades each side of John Lewis. Extending the store eastwards towards Marlborough Street would also be relatively straightforward and could be implemented in the same architectural language of the original building. The parking lost as a result could be accommodated underground.

What with this, the ongoing battle to save the Secklow Gate bridge and the development planned between Xscape and Avebury Boulevard, I'm becoming very concerned that the most important parts of our city centre will never be the same again, unless much stronger action is taken in the future.

Name and address supplied

Decision is 'bad news'

SIR - I am most concerned to learn that despite significant local objections and advice from English Heritage the proposed alterations to the John Lewis premises, including in particular an extension into Middleton Hall, have nevertheless been approved by Milton Keynes Council.

This is very bad news indeed. John Lewis has, thus far, a good reputation in MK where it has been most welcome. However, the council's decision is based on the sadly ill informed belief that investment takes precedence over heritage and at any cost, including that of Middleton Hall.

Would such a situation be allowed elsewhere involving other iconic listed buildings? I suspect not. I am aware of Xplain, the MK-based group that campaigns for better architecture etc in MK/CMK and whose views and opinions I support in this and other similar instances.

I would urge others to add their voice and support towards a better MK.

Name and address supplied

We need to keep our open spaces

SIR - On the face of it, the regrettable loss of the colonnade to the front of John Lewis may not seem to be a big deal.

However, we are kissing goodbye to another 5,000sq ft of open space in the thecentre:mk. This is on top of the appalling change to Queen's Court and the steady colonisation of the external colonnade of the building for seating for the adjacent restaurants.

One day those in charge of this vital part of the city will wake up to the fact that, as much as anything, it is open spaces that draw people to cities and make them linger, not shops, shops and more shops.

And what have we, the citizens, got back for this steady erosion of open space? Nothing. Not one square millimetre.

However, I have a suggestion. Why not turn the car park area south of John Lewis (the bays that are reserved for the extension of the building in due course) into a sculpture garden.

It could be done relatively cheaply and we could have a temporary 'pop up' cafe selling coffee and cakes.

Handled properly it could be a really exciting, enjoyable space and provide something interesting for once. So, how about it John Lewis, why not give us something back for once?

Tim Skelton
Downhead Park

Is this justice?

SIR - I was very interested to read in MK NEWS on January 25 about the 'sorry' teenager whose life has been changed by getting a job, after his behaviour in the summer riots.

Well done to him.

By contrast I must tell you about a young man, aged 18 at the time, a well behaved and always polite young man, who was unwittingly caught up in those events.

He did not take any part whatsoever in any criminal acts; he did not threaten anyone, or hurt anyone, neither did he steal anything or damage any property.

The only thing he was guilty of was an unwise choice of friends in whose company he was that day.

Unfortunately for him he was identified on video and subsequently arrested.

On legal advice he pleaded guilty, despite the fact that he had done nothing wrong.

He was given a custodial sentence which meant that he lost his place at MK College, a part-time job, which he had just started, and was subjected to considerable delay over an important medical investigation.

This young man has now been released on an electronic tag and is doing his best to resume his education and find another job.

Should he be unable to attain these objectives he will be forced to 'sign on' for Jobseeker's allowance, hardly a happy ending for him I fear, and of course a small addition to the burden on the taxpayer.

Name and address supplied

Tell us about your school memories

SIR - I am a member of the school council at Knowles Junior School.

As your readers may know, at the end of this academic year, the junior and infant schools are going to be amalgamated into a primary school.

Because this coincides with the Queen's Jubilee, we are putting together a commemorative book looking at the history of the school over the last 60 years.

We are interested in hearing from parents, staff and pupils who have attended, or been involved with the school since 1952, and who may have fond memories and/or photographs of their time at the school.

Our aim is to compile all contributions, together with a pictorial record of our current staff and pupils into a book.

We would welcome all contributions which can be e-mailed to the school at Iwas@knowlesjunior.org.uk, posted to Knowles Junior School, Queensway, Bletchley, MK2 2HB.

We will of course return any photographs if full contact details are given.

We look forward to hearing from lots of people.

Liam, 11

Bid to stop metal theft

SIR - I read with interest your recent article about the cost of replacing manhole covers as a result of metal theft ('Costs of replacing covers hits £75k', MK NEWS, January 25).

Over the past few months, the spate of metal thefts has reached a moral low with thieves stealing war memorials, roofing sheets from churches, and putting the lives of many at risk on our roads and railways by stealing cables and manhole covers.

For churches, the costs of repairs far outweigh the value of the metal stolen; those engaged in such acts also risk their lives.

Along with other colleagues on the Transport Committee in Parliament, I took part in an inquiry that examined the costs of cable theft on the railway. In 2010/11, cable theft caused the delay or cancellation of more than 35,000 national rail services and cost Network Rail more than £16 million.

Following the conclusion of this inquiry, the committee has produced a report with its recommendations to the Government.

Currently, the existing legislation regulating the scrap metal industry is outdated and the committee has recommended a reform of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964 in order to improve the identification of sellers, increase police powers and introduce new offences. The full report can be viewed at: http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/transport-committee/.

I am pleased that the Home Secretary, Theresa May, announced on Thursday that there will be amendments to the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill to address this issue.

The amendments will create a new criminal offence to prohibit cash payments to purchase scrap metal, and significantly increase the fines for all offences under the existing Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964 that regulates the scrap metal recycling industry.

When in force, these measures should help make stealing metal less attractive to criminals, and tackle the stolen metal market.

Iain Stewart MP
Member for Milton Keynes South

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Madam Becky's big brothel book

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A FORMER brothel madam is releasing a book about her life in the trade in Milton Keynes.

And it promises to reveal some sensational stories about clients, the people she worked with and run-ins with the police.

The book, entitled Madam - Prostitutes, Punters and Puppets: Memoirs of a very British brothel, charts Becky Adams' life keeping brothels in the city over the course of about 20 years.

And she suggests it is a book that you would be able to buy for your mum or granny.

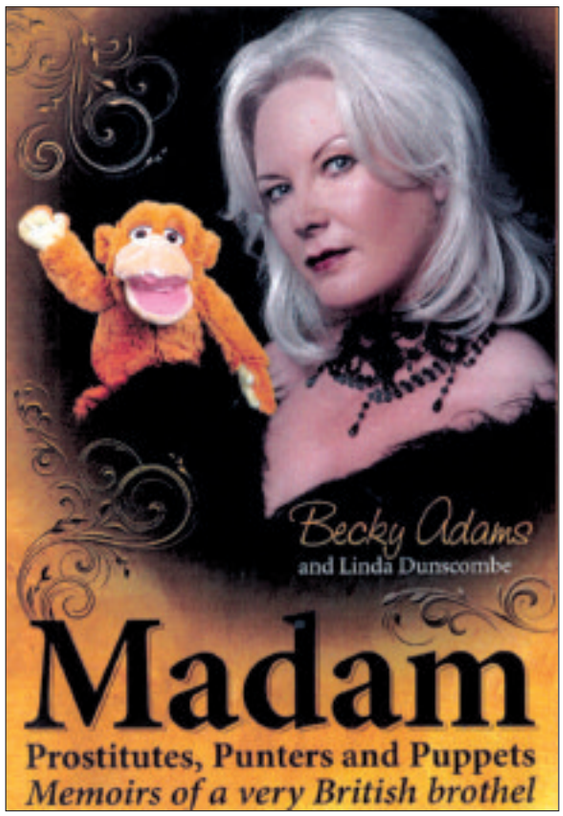
She said: "It's a story of friends doing things together, who ended up in the sex industry by accident – a very middle class massage parlour story.

"The whole book is very gentle, it's not erotic at all, it's like a Carry On film. It's all true, but I've been very discreet – in the past I've been offered hundreds of thousands of pounds to kiss and tell, but I never have."

After MK NEWS revealed a number of scandals involving Becky, including a story in November 2004 when she appeared naked in a charity calendar, she has appeared on television and in national newspapers, and now hopes the book will prove to be a big hit.

She has been offered publishing and television deals for her story, but she has decided to go it alone and publish the book herself so the story would be her own.

Becky said one of the stories she feels 'will cause the most hoo-hah' will be that of a client who had a Rolf Harris fetish.



What a madam: Becky Adams' book will be released on February 10

She added: "If I was writing fiction you couldn't make it up."

The book will be released on February 10, and there will be a signing in Waterstone's in thecentre:mk on February 12.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Almost 1,500 illegal TVs

MORE than 1,490 people were caught watching television without a valid licence in Milton Keynes in 2011, TV Licensing revealed yesterday. It is now reminding TV owners to buy their annual licences, or face a fine of £1,000 plus court costs and victim surcharges.

Schools will sign2sing

MORE than 1,400 schoolchildren from Milton Keynes will be taking part in a nationwide world record-breaking attempt on Wednesday, February 8 for the most people singing and signing a song simultaneously. So far, 24 city schools are taking part in the sign2sing event.

Alleyway robbery

A 26-YEAR-OLD man was punched in the head and had £85 stolen in a robbery in an alleyway near Cranesbill Place, Conniburrow, at 11.30am on Friday. He was left dazed but did not need hospital treatment. The offender is described as white, in his mid 30s, about 6ft with short dark hair. He was wearing a blue baseball cap with a silver Nike tick, a black and purple checked hooded top and blue trousers. Anyone with information should call the police on 101.

Archaeologist thinks remains found in city could be Roman

BONES discovered on a Taylor Wimpey's housing development could be Roman, according to Milton Keynes Council's senior archaeologist.

The remains of up to four people have now been discovered at the site in Saxon Street, but it is still not possible to say exactly how old they are. However, the layout of one the burials showed similarities to the Saxon burials excavated on the Bancroft Mausoleum in Wolverton so it is possible that they could date back to the 5th century.

Nick Crank, senior archaeological officer for the council, said: "The difference in this case is that the bones revealed appear to have been quite disturbed by later agricultural activity and so far only the partial skeletons have been recorded."

A report by archaeologists employed by Taylor Wimpey will make suggestions for further analysis of the human remains.

After off-site analysis is complete a firm interpretation and understanding of the discovery may emerge.

Arrests after bomb hoax

TWO men, aged 20 and 24, have been arrested on suspicion of placing or dispatching articles to cause a bomb hoax after hundreds of people were evacuated from a shopping centre last Wednesday afternoon.

Police were called at 1.20pm, after reports that a suspicious package had been left in the middle of the Brunel Centre in Bletchley. Shortly afterwards a similar package was found outside Sainsbury's. The suspect bags were confirmed safe at 3.15pm and the area was reopened.

Det Insp Kelly Glister, investigating the incident, said: "We are taking this incident extremely seriously. It caused a considerable amount of disruption and local businesses lost earnings.

"We have reviewed the CCTV of the area and two suspects are currently in custody."

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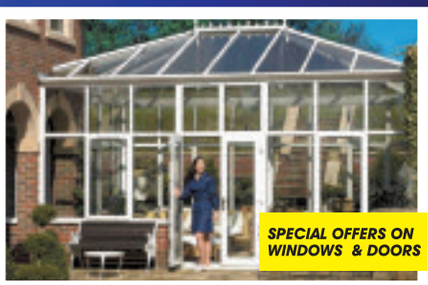

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Ambassador will raise poverty awareness

A GLOBAL poverty ambassador has been chosen for Milton Keynes to raise awareness of how extreme poverty can be ended.

The project was launched last Wednesday at the London School of Economics when billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates delivered an address on the issue.

Now city resident Amar Chauhan has been selected to raise awareness in Milton Keynes.

He said: "Having delivered several of my own presentations on ending extreme poverty, I was thrilled to be given the opportunity to join this incredible movement where we will work as a team to inspire communities.

"It was so inspiring to hear a man like Bill Gates lay out his vision for ending poverty."

Ambassadors were chosen from hundreds of applications submitted across the country as part of the scheme, being run by the Global Poverty Project and The Co-operative.

The ambassadors are leaders in their businesses, schools, universities, business and faith groups, representing broad cross-section appeal within the community.

Elisha London, UK director of the Global Poverty Project, said: "This is a great opportunity for people from all walks of life to get involved in raising awareness for the 1.4billion people living in extreme poverty, and mobilise their communities around a series of campaigns in 2012 to deliver more and better aid, trade and good governance."

Cleaning up the area: Netherfield Doers outside one of the houses involved in the pilot scheme

Sparkle put back into 'worst' estate

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO

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PROUD residents are displaying a true sense of community spirit with the launch of The Windbreak Project in Netherfield.

The pilot scheme, run by the Netherfield Doers, is taking place this weekend and volunteers from the estate will be cleaning the privacy barriers between houses to create a fresh new look.

MK NEWS revealed Netherfield took the unwanted top spot in a chart of the 'worst' places to live in the city but the volunteers do not think this rating is deserved.

Volunteer Simon Jackson said: "Netherfield was Milton Keynes' first development and it should show what Milton Keynes can be instead of reflecting badly on the city."

The group believes that a tidy-up of the estate will help people fall in love with the area once more.

Mr Jackson added: "It's not just Netherfield residents that can get involved, anyone who has a special connection to Netherfield can join in."

If the pilot scheme is a success the group will continue to brighten up the estate in the hope it won't be in the top end of next year's Social Atlas chart.

People across Milton Keynes are stirring up a new sense of ownership in their communities since the chart was published. As reported in last week's MK NEWS, stickers bearing the motto 'I love Fishermead' have started to appear around the area.

Mr Jackson said: "Weston Underwood might be the best place to live in Milton Keynes but not many people can afford to live there, a community should be inclusive and that's what Netherfield is."

'Loophole' in abduction law highlighted by MP

AN 'OBVIOUS loophole' in child abduction law has been highlighted in Parliament by a city MP.

Following the plight of former Milton Keynes resident Ken Spooner after his children were abducted to Zambia in 2008 by their mother, MP for Milton Keynes North Mark Lancaster is hoping to protect parents from this kind of ordeal in the future.

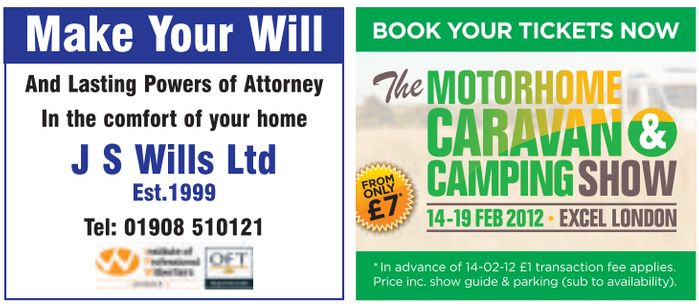
He said: "It became clear to me there is an inconsistency in the law relating to child abduction.

"Ken's case is a perfect example - he gave the children's mother permission to take them on holiday to see their grandparents in Zambia in October 2008 but they have still yet to be returned.

"Because Ken had given permission for them to leave the country in the first place, even though he had only given permission for a 14-day holiday, their abduction was not a criminal offence and I find this appalling.

"It is clear that parents need protecting from this obvious loophole in the law.

"I will keep on pursuing this in Westminster and know the Justice Secretary is already looking into the matter following my initial question."



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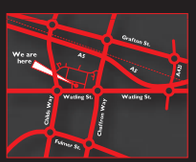

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Tales told at nursing home

RESIDENTS at Highclere Nursing Home are reviving the lost art of storytelling.

National Storytelling Week, which runs until Saturday, aims to increase awareness of the value of sharing stories.

To mark the occasion, the nursing home is hosting special storytelling events and is inviting members of the local community along to share in the magic.

A tale to tell: Bupa resident Charles Thomas with Laura Hardaker and Katie Clark

Murder accused is found dead in cell

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE man accused of the murder of a couple in their home has been found dead in his cell at HMP Woodhill.

The body of Rimvydas Liorancas was found on Saturday.

Mr Liorancas had been charged with the murders of Avtar and Carole Kolar at their home in Handsworth Wood, Birmingham, earlier this month.

The police investigation into the deaths of Mr and Mrs Kolar will continue and the completed findings will now be presented to the coroner at the inquest.

A Prison Service spokesman said yesterday: "HMP Woodhill prisoner Rimvydas Liorancas was found hanging in his cell at 8.52am on Saturday, January 28.

"Staff attempted resuscitation and paramedics attended but he was pronounced dead at 9.30am.

"As with all deaths in custody, the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman will conduct an investigation."

The family of Mr and Mrs Kolar were informed at the earliest opportunity of the news and West Midlands Police is continuing to support them.

The family released a statement yesterday.

It read: "We were made aware of the death of Liorancas by police on Saturday.

"We understand the investigation into our parents' deaths will continue and the findings will be presented to the coroner.

"We ask that we be left alone as we continue to grieve over the deaths of our mum and dad."

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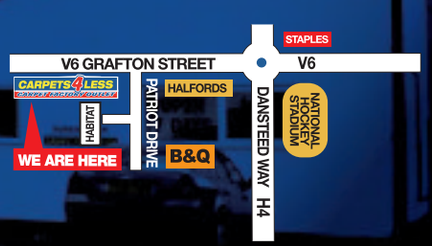

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We are MK Dons - MP defends club

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO AND DAN PALMER
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We are keeping club's name: Mark Lancaster, *left*, and Karl Robinson

A CITY MP will be sticking up for MK Dons in Parliament today.

Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North, will speak after a London newspaper's campaign to get the club to 'drop' Dons from its name made its way into the political arena.

The club moved from Wimbledon in 2003 before becoming MK Dons in 2004 and the newspaper's petition has gained support from more than 1,100 people.

Wimbledon MP Siobhain McDonagh raised the issue in the House of Commons last Wednesday, calling on the Government to support the Drop the Dons campaign.

Ms McDonagh referred to the MK Dons name as 'identity theft' and Labour's candidate for London Mayor, Ken Livingstone, has also nailed his colours to the mast.

He said: "You have my total support. Who in their right minds would leave London to go to Milton Keynes?"

But the people of Milton Keynes are standing firmly behind their club.

Mr Lancaster said: "I will be rebuking claims and making it clear we have no intention of giving up the name MK Dons."

The club has remained tightlipped on the subject but MP for Milton Keynes South, Iain Stewart, said a name change is unlikely.

He said: "Since coming into Milton Keynes the Dons have had success and I can't see us giving up our title easily."

MK NEWS has chosen to ignore the campaign until this point so it would not get more exposure than it deserves.

And Dons manager Karl Robinson has laughed off the petition.

He said: "We are MK Dons and we always will be, it's our identity now.

"They know the truth and they know they had their chance.

"We're MK Dons to stay for as long as I'm here. I am very proud to live here and proud to manage MK Dons."

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‘Sad’ closure of parents’ charity

Home-Start volunteer Jenny Jones

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A BELOVED charity which supports parents in times of need is having to close its doors.

As first reported by MK NEWS in August, Home-Start Milton Keynes was put in jeopardy after having its funding cut by Milton Keynes Council.

But on Monday the charity, which last year supported 128 families in the borough with the help of 55 volunteers, announced it will have to cease operations.

This is despite an e-petition against the funding cut set up by volunteer Jenny Jones, who has been working with the charity for four years.

She said: “I don’t think people realise how many women and men need help and support.

“It’s amazing how important the time we spend with them is.”

The service offers parents a number of support mechanisms, which include having a volunteer visit their home for about three hours per week to allow them to catch up on things such as housework and sleep, or to just lend an ear.

Emma Payne, 32, from Neath Hill, had support after her partner had a motorbike accident when her son was just two months old.

She said: “It helped because I knew there were people there to support me at a really difficult time - I was able to talk to them when I needed them.

“This news is really sad and it worries me quite a lot because there will be people who fall through the net.

“There are people out there who need help but might not know who to talk to.”

Milton Keynes Council is now planning to introduce a new range of services following a review of the way it will meet the needs of vulnerable families in the future.

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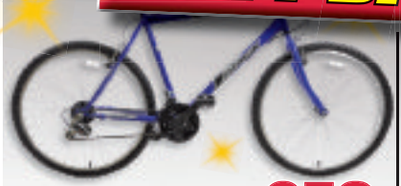
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Town regeneration 'would be a bonus'

SIR - Thanks for highlighting the calls for Bletchley to be regenerated (MK NEWS, January 25).

I moved to Bletchley as a teenager in 1981 with my family when it was a bustling town centre.

It had many specialist shops and was a nice place to shop and it used to be very busy. I still live in Bletchley and I love the area where I live.

I now have three children who were all schooled in Bletchley. Unfortunately when you mention Bletchley to other Milton Keyners they tend to think Lakes Estate. It's a shame really.

I very rarely shop in the town nowadays other than popping to the bank. It would be nice to have boutique or craft type shops but then again who would shop in them?

My father used to call Bletchley the poor man's Milton Keynes. It would have been nice to have Primark move into the Co-op building because that would have brought in a lot of trade.

I am still a big fan of Bletchley so any form of regeneration has to be a bonus.

Sarah Lawton
Bletchley resident and fan

Revive cultural heart

SIR - You asked for ideas to regenerate Bletchley.

An opportunity now exists to restore the cultural heart of the town, which largely disappeared with the transfer of Wilton Hall to private ownership and the sad demolition of the Jennie Lee Theatre during construction of the new leisure centre.

The old Co-op building, which has been deteriorating for several years, could be converted into a local arts centre, incorporating a small raked-seating theatre of say 100-150 seats.

It could cater for music, singing, visual arts, photography, dance, literature and drama. In particular the theatre would be welcomed by the many amateur theatre groups who find it hard to afford the larger venues in Milton Keynes.

For Bletchley itself, it would be complementary to the leisure centre at the other end of Queensway, the heritage of nearby Bletchley Park and the many facilities of the MK stadium.

It would breathe new life into the town, bringing back theatre and other arts activities into the local community. It would also attract participants and visitors from outside the town.

Theatre started in Bletchley at least 70 years ago. First there were performances in Wilton Hall by the workers of wartime Bletchley Park, then there was Bletchco Players, which produced some 150 plays from 1944 until its demise in the early 1990s.

Other companies that used to perform regularly in the town include Bletchley Amateur Operatic Society, Bletchley Gilbert and Sullivan Society and Longueville Little Theatre Company.

Bletchley has a proud theatre tradition that could now be revived with its own new arts and theatre building.

Obviously such a project would be expensive and could not be afforded without financial input from such sources as the Lottery.

However, Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council should be able to draw up a strong case in support of applications to these sources.

Money was found for the huge theatre complex in Central Milton Keynes; why can a smaller sum not now be found to help Bletchley recapture its cultural heritage?

John Greenall
Sent by e-mail

Give us more parking

SIR - I think Bletchley would benefit from some regeneration but I do think the lack of parking does not help.

I have travelled there on numerous occasions and after driving around looking for a space have given up and gone elsewhere.

I wonder how many more potential shoppers have done this?

Debbie Castle
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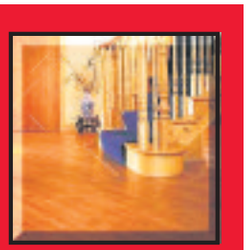

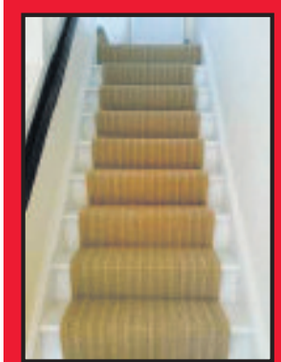

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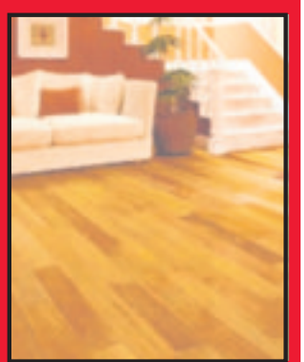

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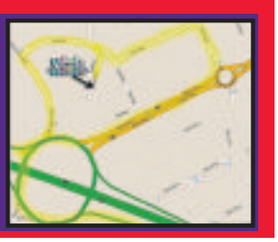

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Drop in to help your job search

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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UNEMPLOYED people looking to get back into work can now drop in to job clubs taking place across the borough.

Running until August 2013, there will be 20 job clubs dedicated to giving residents the skills and support they need to get back into employment.

They are taking place in local community and children's centres and libraries, supporting 22 neighbourhoods in Milton Keynes.

No appointment is necessary, sessions are free and guidance and support are tailored to the needs of the individual through impartial advisors.

Things such as CV preparation and interview skills will be offered, as well as information on local volunteering opportunities to boost confidence.

Councillor David Hopkins, Milton Keynes Council's cabinet member for economic development and enterprise, said: "The job clubs are a great opportunity to empower communities to help themselves and get back into employment.

"I urge those who are unemployed or struggling to find a job to drop in and take advantage of the free, one-to-one impartial advice and support on offer.

"This may be a first step to building confidence, finding out about training courses and qualifications or finding a job even before they are formally advertised."

The job clubs are part of the Neighbourhood Employment Programme.

This aims to provide a 'welfare to work' style service, which helps unemployed adults who are on means tested benefits.

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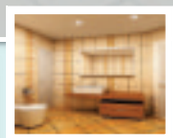

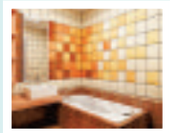

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David Walliams is backing Sport Relief

We've

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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MK NEWS is giving away £50,000 and is calling for groups to nominate themselves to get a piece of the action.

We have joined forces with Sport Relief to award grants of £500 to £1,000 to organisations around the city that are doing great work to help the community.

MK Community Foundation's grants director, Bart Gamber will sit on a board with MK NEWS editor Cally Jenkins to decide where the money will go.

He said: "We gave away £50,000 two years ago and we had a tremendous response.

"In the end we made 65 grants and lots of community work and projects were funded."

One of the groups to benefit was Milton Keynes Ladies' Hockey Group, which received £1,000.

The ladies team, which incorporates a large junior's team, desperately needed some extra equipment to develop their players and give them the opportunities they deserved.

Club leaders felt that, in an area with limited opportunities and facilities, youngsters were missing out on the chance to play a team sport.

Lizanne Muller, director of hockey - ladies section, said: "We provide competitive hockey for all ages and at all levels and ability.

"We have teams in leagues to suit all abilities.

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got £5,000 to help groups

"We support the longevity of our sport by providing local support to surrounding schools and have also launched a back to hockey programme aimed at people who have played the sport and would like to come back and try it."

Thanks to the grant the hockey club could afford two full goalkeeper's kits for the under 10s and under 16s groups.

Ms Muller added: "We have been able to develop other goalkeepers in the club, ensuring a successive pipeline for the club.

"A goalkeeper is essential for the team and therefore providing a continuous development of goalkeepers supports every team and therefore every member.

"The goalkeepers themselves feel confident because they know they are well protected and can then perform to the best of their ability without fear of injury."

This equipment has been helping the wider community too, having been used by the players' schools and their county teams.

And the equipment can boast several success stories, such as Tory van der Hoven from the under 15s group, who has been selected to attend a Junior Regional Performance Centre.

Ms Muller said: "All our goalies have performed exceptionally well this year and it would not have been possible for them to do so without the support of this grant to ensure the right equipment was purchased for the hockey club."

The club has been in existence since 1982 and this year merged with the MK Men's Hockey Club, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2011.

The men's first team play at National League level and the ladies are in Premier One of the Three Counties League.

Both head coaches have international experience and other coaches are linked to county training programmes.

HOW TO APPLY

IF THIS sounds like you, make sure you apply for a Sport Relief Community Cash grant now by visiting www.mkcf.co.uk/Supporting-You/Grants/Sport-Relief-Community-Cash, where you will be asked to enter an e-mail address. An application form will then be e-mailed to you.

If you need to receive the form in a different format, call the Community Foundation grants team on 01908 690276, or visit MK Community Foundation, Acorn House, 381 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 16. Applicants will be notified of the panel's decision after April 20.

Ladies' Hockey Group: Team member Ellie Womwell in one of the goalkeeper's kits funded by Sport Relief

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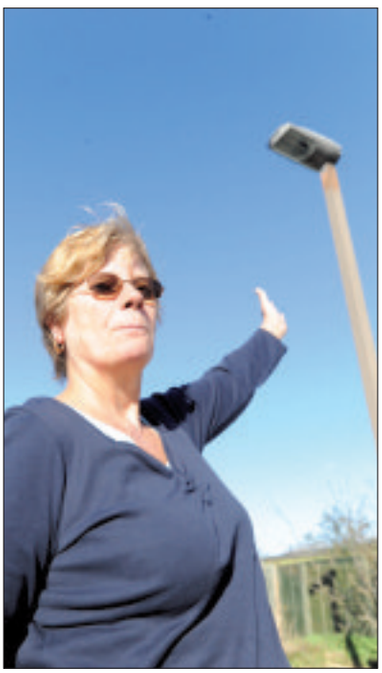

Lesley Randall next to the broken lamppost

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A WORRIED resident is looking for answers after waiting more than two months for a light near her home to be fixed.

Lesley Randall, of Langland Road, Netherfield, has been passed from pillar to lamppost and now she's calling for Milton Keynes Council to shine some light on the situation.

Mrs Randall said: "The lamppost has been out since before Christmas and Milton Keynes Council said it would get it fixed in seven days."

The problem has become more of a concern recently as the light is situated at the back of Mrs Randall's house and last Monday night her gate was kicked down.

Although she can't be sure the two things are connected, she's not ruling out the possibility that the vandals would have been put off if the area was properly lit.

And because the area was so dark her husband could not see anyone when he went outside to investigate the noise.

After contacting the council and the Netherfield Housing Office to ask them to fix the problem, she has been left wondering who will take responsibility for the 'lonely lamppost' as both organisations have been passing the buck onto each other.

She said: "If someone gave me a light bulb I'd go out there and put it in myself."

Mrs Randall is not concerned about who resolves the problem she just wants it to be sorted out.

"You'd have thought the council and the housing office would talk to each other and sort out who needs to fix it instead of just going back and forward," she added.

A council spokesman told MK NEWS that the lighting engineer has been in contact with the housing office and the problem will be sorted out in 'due course'.

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Heat is on to find more firefighters

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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COURAGEOUS residents are being urged to come forward and become a retained firefighter.

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, which covers Milton Keynes, is struggling to recruit people who can provide cover during the day.

It is hoping people who might not have previously considered becoming a firefighter will attend a recruitment drive at four of the borough's five fire stations – Bletchley, Broughton, Great Holm and Olney.

Denis O'Driscoll, area manager response, said: "We are hoping that people who haven't previously considered applying will stop and ask themselves whether they can, in fact, provide cover at critical times of the day or night."

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This can be a huge benefit for their employers as an RDS firefighter could help save lives and property in the event of an emergency at work.

Preparation: Broughton's RDS firefighters carry out a road collision drill

RDS firefighters are paid staff who do the same job as full-time firefighters and many of them combine this work with their day job.

Instead of being based in a fire station they are on standby waiting to be called out.

It is critical that they can safely get to their nearest fire station within four minutes because the crew has to leave within five minutes of being mobilised by the control room.

Currently there are 214 RDS firefighters in the Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.

To join them you need to be at least 18-years-old and physically fit. Just as important are qualities like common sense, commitment, enthusiasm and the ability to work as a member of a team.

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Stars' academy is already a huge hit

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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YOUNGSTERS yearning for the spotlight have the chance to pave their way into the performing arts world with the launch of a new academy.

Stage stars Gareth Gates and Jonathan Wilkes are behind the new performing arts academy, which focuses on teaching three to 18-year-olds the disciplines of singing, acting and dancing.

Their wives, Nikki and Suzanne, will be running the Gates and Wilkes Academy and teaching the dance classes.

Nikki Wilkes said: "I never thought I'd enjoy anything as much as I enjoy being on stage but I love teaching even more."

The stage doors are due to open to budding stars in Milton Keynes in March, but the venture has already seen success in Stoke, Swindon and Bradford.

The quartet chose to set up an academy in the city because of the reaction Gareth received from children while he was performing in Aladdin at Milton Keynes Theatre.

Gareth, as famous for his stutter as his singing, wants the academy to instill confidence in its students.

Star quality: Gareth and Suzanne Gates with Jonathan and Nikki Wilkes

Mrs Wilkes said: "The academy will give children confidence across the board, like in interviews, and this makes me very proud."

To encourage shy students to join the academy there will be no auditions with places allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Mrs Wilkes added: "The response we've had has really been phenomenal. There are very few places left."

The academy will run every Monday during term-time with students receiving an hour-long tutorial in each discipline between 4.30 and 7.30pm.

Prospective students can still register for the remaining spaces.

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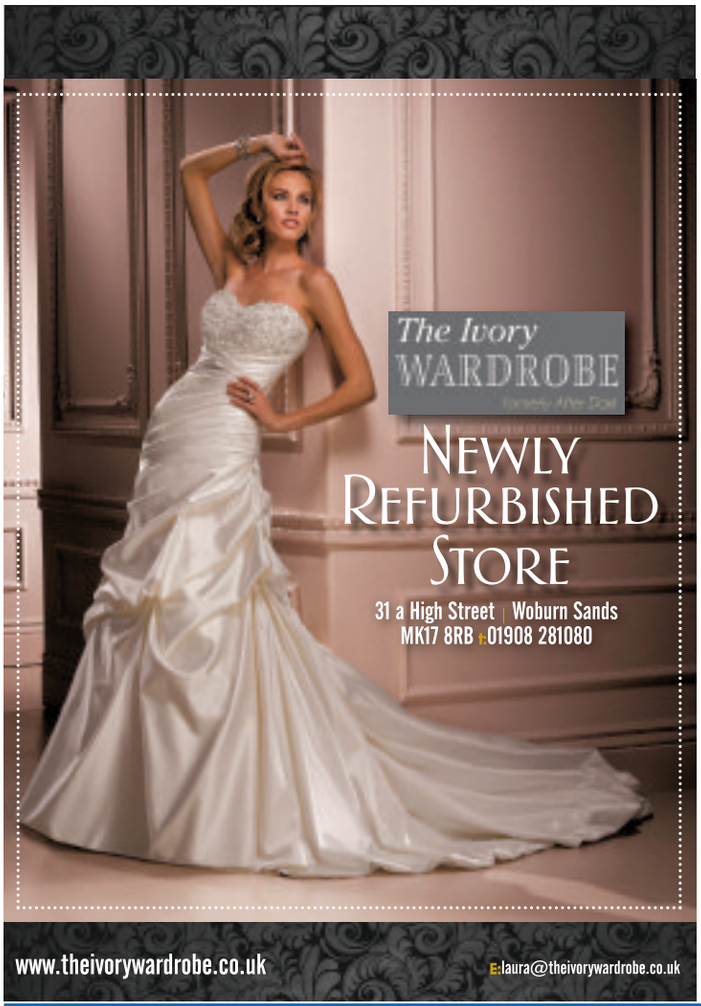

Jacqui Dankworth, Becky Stephenson and Lorraine Hearn at the shoot with Aspley Guise Lower School pupils

Book is a purl of an idea to help school

BY ANDY HANDLEY
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SINGER Jacqui Dankworth swapped the glamour of the stage for an old barn and a woolly scarf when she teamed up with pupils for a photo shoot to help their school.

Children from Aspley Guise Lower School swapped their uniforms for handmade fashion knitwear to help raise £80,000 for an extension.

Woburn Sands designer Lorraine Hearn, whose daughter Beth attends the school, is using some of the patterns from her internet label for a book called The Aspley Collection to help raise the money.

The book will depict the pupils wearing designs by Lorraine in both rural and grand locations in and around Woburn Sands.

Jacqui, an internationally famous jazz singer and daughter of Dame Cleo Laine, was joined by her mum's secretary Becky Stephenson and pupils for the latest shoot, by photographer Karen Parker, at Radwell Farm, next to Aspley Golf course.

The shoot was the second in a series, by Karen, with further days arranged at Woburn Abbey and Woburn Sands allotments, where James Frost from Frosts Garden Centre will be involved.

Lorraine said: "Both Jacqui and Becky have been fantastic over the project and they were fabulous on the day.

"The children really care about environmental issues and after talking with them and their parents I put together a range of designs using ecological yarns from Rico Design and Cascade Yarns who have given us fantastic support with this project."

The Aspley Collection is due out in e-book form in the next couple of months with a hardback edition out in June. You can kept up to date with the book's progress on www.mypdfpatterns.com.

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Tea Breaks help stir up creativity

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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YOUNG and disadvantaged people will be helped by a new scheme designed to bring out company employees' creative sides.

The Tea Breaks team building initiative, which launched on Monday, will see artists and performers from creative arts company Festive Road visit businesses to help employees tackle problems in different ways.

And the not-for-profit company, which is based in Stacey Bushes and appeared at the International Festival in 2010 with a giant teapot, will be putting any money made from the scheme back into the community work it does around the city.

Corporate teams will take part in creative workshops in theatre, visual arts, dance and music, which Festive Road claims will help transform business teams through better communication, creative thinking and motivation.

Director Simon Tipping said: "Our artists have more than 20 years' experience in working with people creatively to bring the very best out of them.

"We have seen teams and organisations transformed through approaching problems in a different way.

"People don't need to be painters or musicians to get the most out of our workshops.

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The company will use the money it makes from the initative to work with young people at risk of offending and other disadvantaged groups to promote community cohesion and understanding of different cultures, as well as reduce crime rates.

Their work has included constructing giant illuminated figurines and costumed characters for carnival processions.

This service is also offered to business to liven up corporate events.

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Bags of ideas: Festive Road has launched new initiative Tea Breaks

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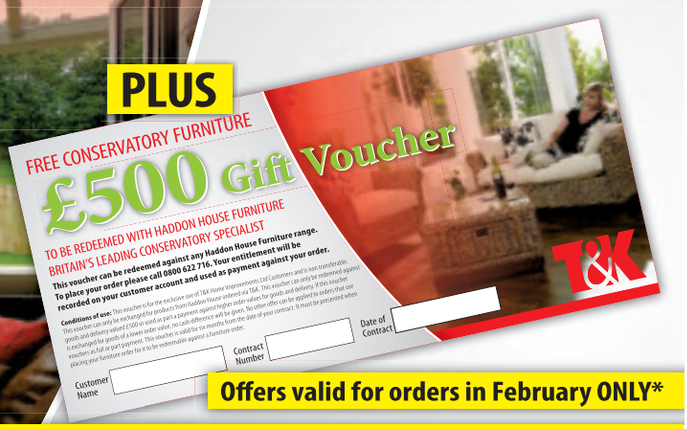

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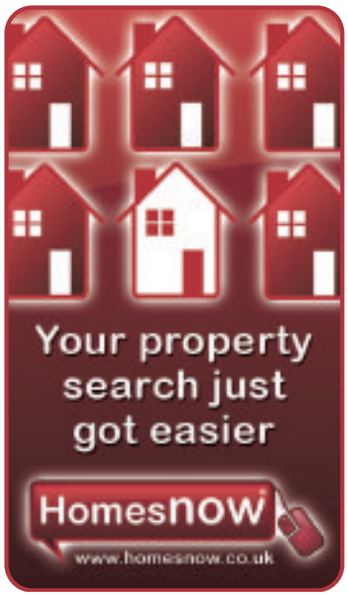

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The children were 'literally starving'

BY DAN PALMER
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THE head of a city charity has spoken of his humbling experience in Africa where he saw young children struggling for their lives.

Leading aid agencies have been looking into deadly delays that have occurred in response to the world's food crisis and having just returned from Niger, Justin Byworth has seen first hand the extent of the problem.

Mr Byworth, *pictured*, is chief executive of World Vision, a charity aimed at tackling world poverty which is based in Fox Milne.

And after his week's stay in the West African country he said that he got a glimpse of a world so different and so harsh 'that it was more like being transported to another planet.'

Millions are living in extreme poverty without food and basic provisions.

"I saw children quite literally starving, they're facing an uphill struggle to survive," Mr Byworth said.

"Children in Niger are experiencing this now, with at least nine months to wait before there's any hope of a harvest."

As well as meeting severely malnourished children during his trip, Mr Byworth saw the lengths people are being forced to go to just so they can support themselves and their family.

He met 11 children by the roadside who had walked more than 130km to beg for food in the capital Niamey.

Their supply had run out at home and they thought the tireless hike would be their only way of getting something to eat.

Mr Byworth said: "Everywhere we went we heard signs of the growing food crisis.

"Even the old people said that they had never seen it like this.

"People planted their grain in the soil and nothing happened but we did see clear signs of people's resilience and determination to survive."

World Vision has been working in Niger for nearly four decades and has been operating at emergency levels for almost the past two years, helping with issues such as drought and famine by stocking grain and providing water.

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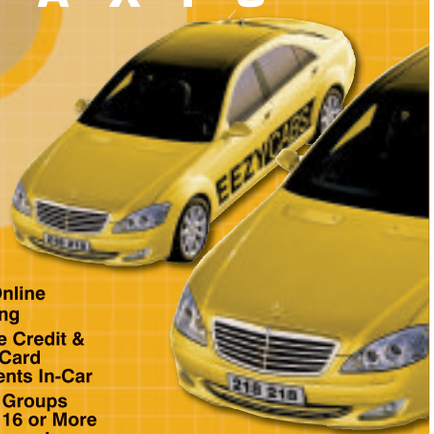

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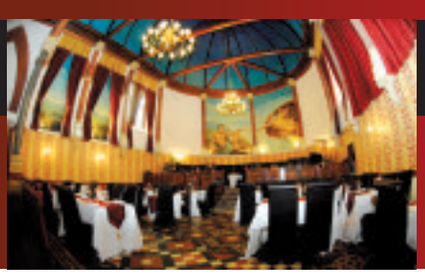

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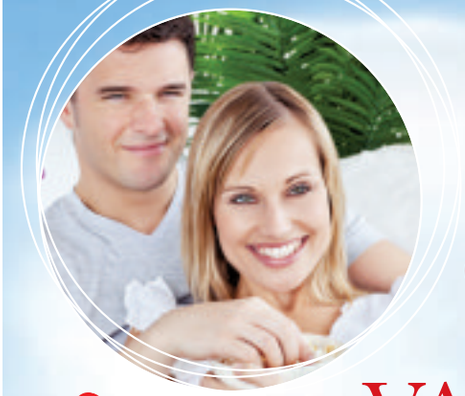

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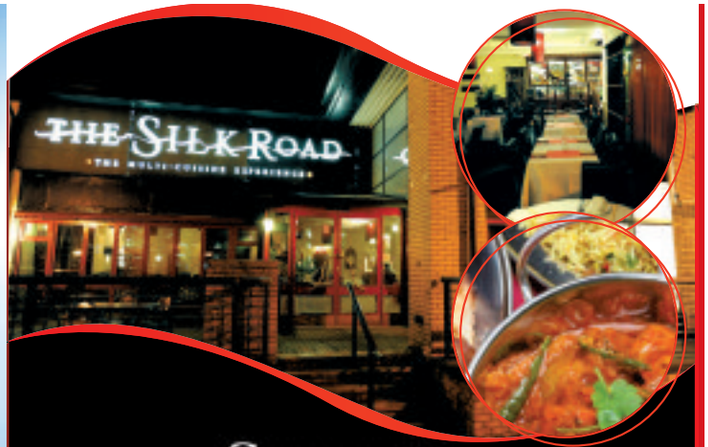

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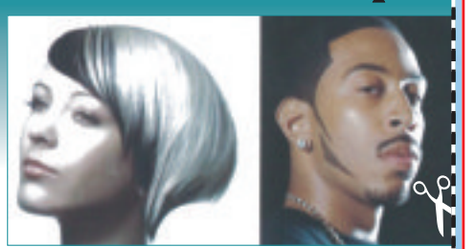

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MK BUSINESS

Off-road firm's on target for a wheely great year

BY DAN PALMER
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A COMPANY which designs innovative off-road wheelchairs and handcycles is hoping to buck the trend of the economic downturn and have its best year ever in 2012.

Molten Rock founder Chris Swift believes the secret to his company's success will be offering 'the right product at the right time' and something 'truly unique'.

Mr Swift, a wheelchair user for 16 years, is aware of the challenges facing those with mobility impairments in outdoor environments.

The business, based in Hulcote, aims to create equipment which doesn't accentuate people's disabilities, but reflects their lifestyles and interests instead.

New for this year is the Boma7 chair, costing £8,775 plus VAT, which is said to allow almost anyone, regardless of ability, the chance to participate in hiking or cycling.

It can also be used to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends.

"Enabling people through providing a well designed product like Boma7 is extremely rewarding," Mr Swift said.

In action: The new Boma7 wheelchair that has been launched by city company Molten Rock

"I know that travelling off tarmac into a previously inaccessible forest or onto a beach is exhilarating for any wheelchair user."

The robust Boma has been expedition proven in both the UK and Africa and in June a trial version of the chair became the first electric wheelchair to drive to the summit of Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the UK.

Handcycles allow disabled people to take part in cycling for leisure or for competition and with the Paralympics just months away it could be a fruitful year.

Mr Swift said: "This year is an opportunity to showcase the many small British businesses offering unique designed products that can make a real difference to the worldwide disabled community."

Partnership promotes business growth for city

COMMUNITY leaders came together last Wednesday for a South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP) event organised by Milton Keynes Council.

The partnership brings together businesses, universities and colleges, community groups, social enterprises and councils in the area.

Together these partners are working closely with the Government to support inward investment, innovation, economic growth, new enterprise and job creation.

Dr Ann Limb, chairman of SEMLEP, said: "We were delighted to present our SEMLEP business plan in Milton Keynes in our iconic stadium, that itself speaks volumes for the business 'can do' attitude that prevails in the city."

The board of SEMLEP is listening to businesses to find out their needs at ten stakeholder meetings taking place until the end of February.

The draft Business Plan is available to download from the SEMLEP website - www.southeastmidlands.org.uk - along with the dates and locations of the remaining meetings.

There is also a page to register for the Business, Innovation and Growth (BIG) conference on March 22 and 'Getting Down to Business' at stadium:mk, where a wider audience from across SEMLEP will learn more about the partnership's aspirations and policy initiatives, while meeting key politicians and prominent business people.

Jobs created by academy

DOZENS of jobs for young people have been created thanks to a new Apprenticeship Academy.

The academy, based in Sibury Boulevard in CMK, specialises in training young people in IT and accounting and had its official opening on Thursday but opened to students in September.

It is run between Bedford College and national organisation Aspire Achieve Advance Ltd (3AAA) to bring employers together with people from the age of 16.

This partnership has already resulted in the creation of 44 new jobs - 16 of them since the start of this year.

Bedford College director Sharon Chinneck said: "Since opening in September our partners 3AAA have been working hard to engage with employers, so they see the value of this new approach to apprenticeships."

The academy also boasts a 100 per cent pass rate on the accounting apprenticeship.

Students benefit from two apprenticeship models developed by 3AAA - National IT Partnership, which is Microsoft and CompTIA accredited, and Accounting Academy Partnership, which is AAT accredited.

MP Mark Lancaster said: "The Apprenticeship Academy is great for Milton Keynes as it is training people to match the jobs available in the area."

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MKBUSINESS

Cutting out knife crime

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A BODYGUARD has become one of only 130 people in the country to be an accredited instructor under a new scheme to reduce knife crime.

Andre Maingot, 26, from Fenny Stratford, recently qualified as an instructor in KEWAP - Knife and Edged Weapon Awareness Programme.

He said he became involved in the initiative as he knows people who have been victims of knife attacks.

He will now tour security, health and other businesses in the area to provide knowledge about knife crime and how to avoid it, and how to survive an attack if the worst happens.

He said: "This is to make sure people don't become a victim, so I cater for people of all ages.

"If someone has got a knife they will use it and if I can stop that from happening it will be a good feeling.

"Ultimately being a KEWAP instructor permits me to deliver a standardised message, which is a real privilege in regards to being able to make a greater impact on my community. I work with people to look at the effects of knife crime, things like statistics, with a series of presentations. Then we will look at how to get away from situations that you could become involved in. It's about personal safety and steps to take to avoid becoming a victim.

"I try to make it bespoke, so for health care professionals I would gear it more towards self defence, or how to report an offence as a victim."

Mr Maingot also hopes to visit schools and community groups in the area to start educating children.

He added: "I survey the people that I deal with, and have found one in three children know someone who carries a knife to school or for protection."

The KEWAP scheme was originally started by UK military specialist instructor Steven Timperley.

There are also KEWAP instructors currently in the Middle East delivering training to security personnel and law enforcement agencies.

At the moment there are four other instructors in the city, including two senior instructors. All of them can be contacted through the website www.kewap.org.uk.

Taking action: Andre Maingot is teaching people about knife crime

MKBUSINESSBRIEFS

Carry on caravaning

A CARAVAN dealership with a branch in Stony Stratford is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

Steve Sharpe and brother-in-law Nick White are the joint managing directors of White Arches Caravans Group, which owns Riverside Caravans, and are supported by their wives Diane and Jo.

Their three branches offer leading brands with large displays and facilities, including dedicated indoor showrooms. To celebrate their milestone they are running a free prize draw with 40 prizes worth a total of £5,000. To enter visit their website - www.whire-arches.co.uk - or one of the branches.

Looking for inspiration

SAINSBURY'S stores are asking customers to nominate inspirational people from the city to carry the Paralympic flame.

You can put a team or individual forward by picking up leaflets in-store, calling 01299 382074, or visiting www.sainsburys.co.uk/paralympictorchrelay. Entries close on February 14.

New look Co-op opens

PUPILS from Holne Chase Primary School will cut the ribbon at the refurbished Co-operative store in Newton Road, Bletchley, tomorrow. They will also receive a £200 donation from the store.

Dress to impress: Laura Buckingham at The Ivory Wardrobe in Woburn Sands

Walk down the aisle in style

WHETHER you're a blushing bride or a bridezilla, your wedding gown woes are a thing of the past thanks to the re-launch of award-winning bridal boutique, The Ivory Wardrobe.

Formally called After Dark, the Woburn Sands boutique has been rebranded and revamped to make sure every bride is looking beautiful on her big day.

Owner Laura Buckingham said: "I like to get to know all my brides, whether it's me who sells them the dress or someone else I'll see each one of them at some point."

Since reopening on January 14 the boutique has been fully booked.

Visit www.theivorywardrobe.co.uk, or call 01908 281080 to make an appointment.

Maids helping to make mummy's life much easier

BY DAN PALMER
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MOST mums would love to have a nanny, housekeeper, cleaner or personal assistant to help out around the house, but it's usually a luxury they can't afford.

Hiring a maid is something that many believe is reserved for the rich and famous but a new business in Milton Keynes is set to allow people a small taste of the high-life.

Mummy's Maid provides homes in the city with short-term household help, so an extra pair of hands is available as and when you need them.

So if you need assistance with cleaning, laundry, general household chores and running errands the luxury of a maid is a possibility, for a small amount of time at least.

Another popular option is a package for new mums, which allows them to spend time with their baby without having to worry about domestic duties.

Founder Kez Luckett said: "In this tough economic climate not everyone can afford on-going domestic help, but all too often mums simply can't do it all.

"I set up Mummy's Maid so everyday people can have access to an affordable, flexible service as and when they need it.

"We work on a minimum of two hours per session rather than a lengthy, binding contract."

All of the maids are subject to checks before they are allowed to enter a client's home.

And Mummy's Maid believes that they are the ideal people to help as every now and then they could do with someone to lend a hand themselves.

The service is available from Monday to Friday although other times may be available at a higher rate.

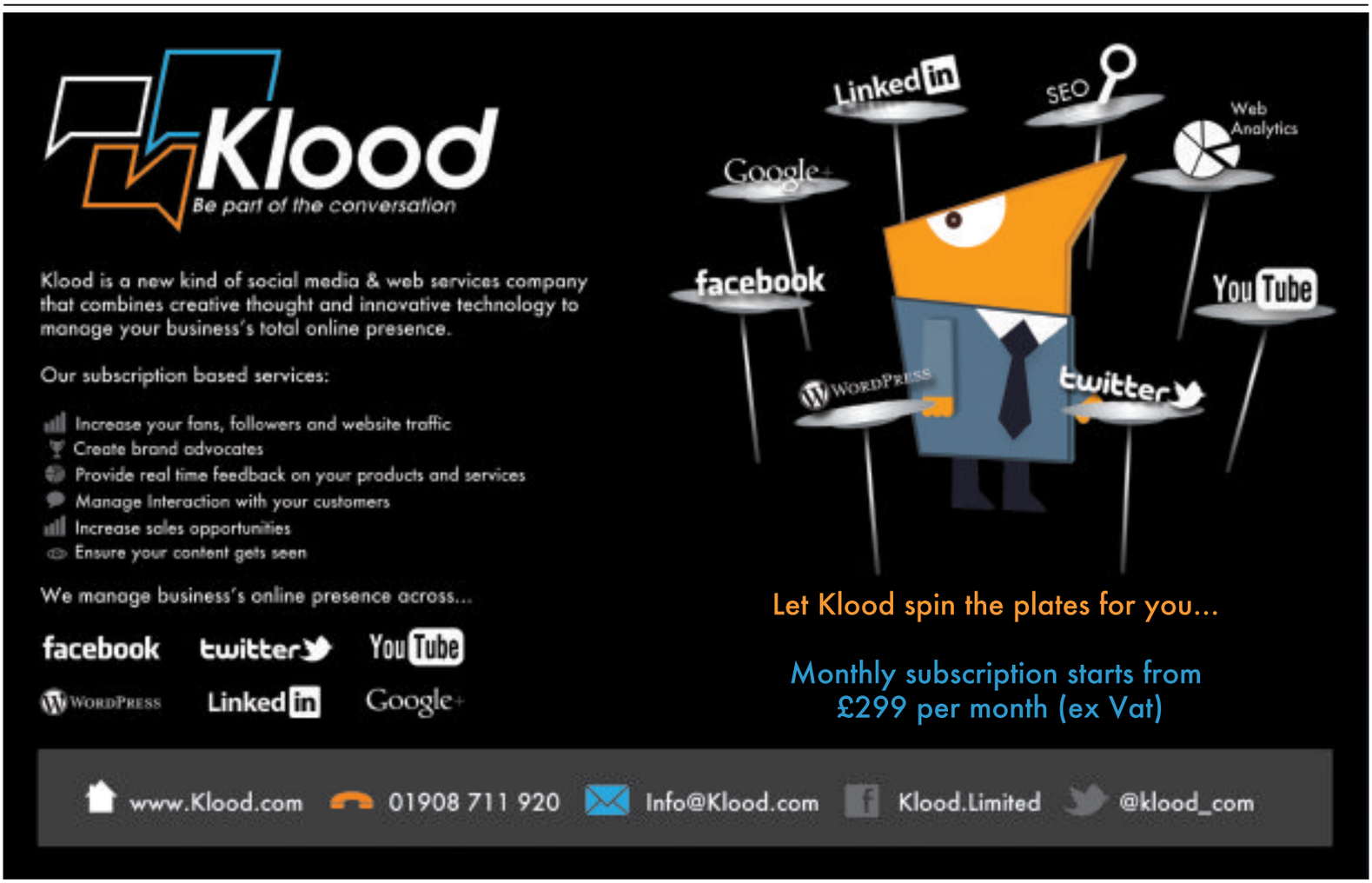
"All our girls go through a rigorous vetting process, with face to face interviews, reference checks and an enhanced CRB disclosure," Mrs Luckett said.

"Most of them are mums themselves and understand the daily juggling act that is motherhood.

"They simply step in and do whatever needs to be done, even if that's a cup of tea and chat."

The company, which has now spread throughout Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Hampshire, is planning to expand its services with home-made food delivered to the door, and it will also offer breastfeeding support.

For more information on the initiative, visit the website at www.mummysmaid.co.uk.



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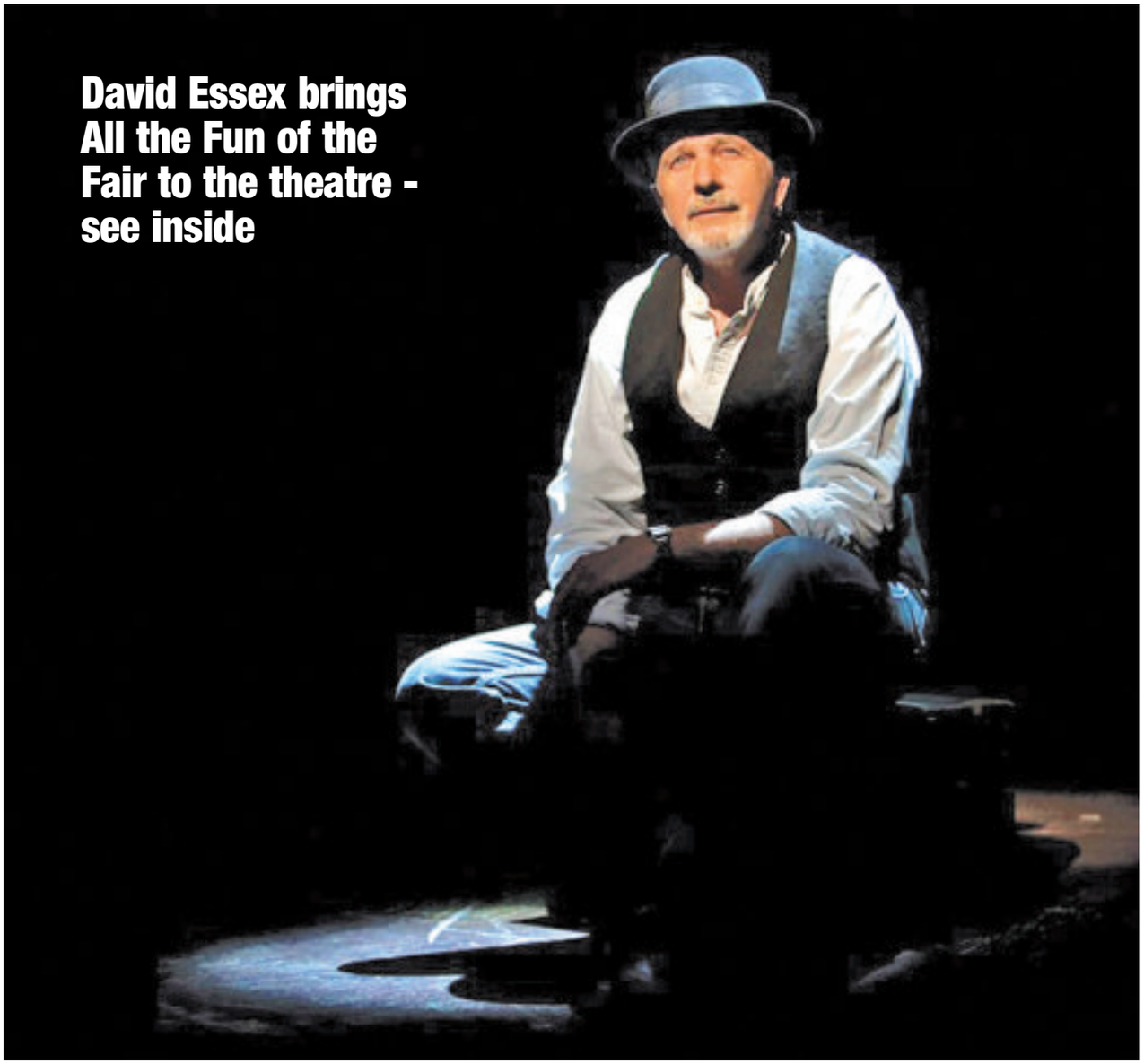

David Essex brings All the Fun of the Fair to the theatre - see inside

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HEARTBEAT

The Fray

OH, I do love me some rock anthems, I really do.

The guitar feedback that comes in at the start to let you know you're about to hear something profound, the jangly melodies that give way to something slightly harder during the chorus, the amazingly deep lyrics that are not designed to make sense to mere mortals such as us; oh, it's all here and then some.

Ah yes, I love it when these songs come my way, and the reason for that is that after I've heard them the CDs tend to make a lovely crunching sound when you fold them in half.

BIG IN JAPAN

Martin Solveig featuring Dragonette

AS POP songs go, this does its job beautifully and that means that I was intensely irritated by it long before I finished hearing it.

It's repetitive, relentlessly joyful and under three minutes in length; I wonder if Mr Solveig knows that this song passes all three main requirements for the Eurovision Song Contest?

This song is ideal for people who are far younger than me (children) and they're going to love it as if it were their own creation.

SHADY LOVE

Scissor Sisters vs Krystal Pepsy

THE one thing I can definitely tell you about this song is that you can dance to it, if you want.

That aside, the song changes direction more often than a knackered satnav and if anything, the fact that there's so much going on counts against it.

In fact, I'd be willing to bet that there are some excellent remixes of this song, mainly because remixes have a way of concentrating on specific parts of the original.

It's not often I suggest making a song longer to allow it to spread its wings, but it probably would've helped here.

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CLASSIC CLAPTON

Friday, 8pm

THE world's top rated Eric Clapton tribute returns to The Stables, introducing a new exciting line-up and celebrating 27 years on the road.

Classic Clapton's performance in Wavendon kicks off their 2012 tour, which looks to be every bit as successful as their sell-out 2009 World Tour, which included shows in the UK, Holland and Mumbai.

Front man Mike Hall promises to serenade audiences so sweetly that they'd think the real Eric Clapton was performing.

With Hall boasting a voice and guitar skills that perfectly mirror Clapton's, the group have no problems covering the whole of his career, including Cream, The Yardbirds, Derek & The Dominos and the solo years.

The tribute band formed in 1985 and over the years have become a rock institution with their ability to re-create Clapton's electrifying stage performances and really catch the audience's imagination.

Featuring Dave Robson on bass and backing vocals, Paul Warren on keyboards and backing vocals and Neil Cochran on drums; the evening will transport you back to Clapton's heyday.

It will be a two-hour journey through all the hits - Wonderful Tonight, I Shot The Sheriff, Tears in Heaven, Layla and an unplugged segment.

The evening will celebrate a man whose music is hugely important and influential.

He has been a major international star since the 1960s and continues to perform today, most recently touring Japan with Steve Winwood at the end of last year.

He has won an incredible 19 Grammies and is the only triple inductee into The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, once as a solo artist, and separately as a member of The Yardbirds and Cream.

Classic Clapton's most recent venture was their 25th Anniversary Tour throughout the UK, which culminated in a special concert at Newcastle City Hall where 800 people experienced a unforgettable evening.

The show will take place in the Jim Marshall Auditorium. Tickets cost £16.50.

For full Stables listings, visit www.stables.org.

CRAUFURD ARMS

THE STRANGE DOORS

Saturday, doors 8pm

A LOCAL Doors tribute band are returning to the Craufurd Arms in Wolverton.

The Strange Doors will be playing two hours of the Doors' unique blues/jazz psychedelic-rock music.

The band erupted on the LA music scene in 1967 with their self-titled debut album, which included their hits Break On Through and Light My Fire.

This year marks the 45th anniversary of this album, which is why The Strange Doors are touring the country.

They will be playing it in its entirety in addition to many other Doors' hits.

With great costumes and an authentic Doors sound, attendees can relive the psychedelic 60s with a tribute band which looks as good as it sounds.

This band doesn't just replicate the studio versions of Doors' classics, they actually recreate the live Doors experience.

Tickets cost £5 from www.thecraufurdarms.com.

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ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR

Tuesday-February 11

ROLL up, Roll up for a fun filled night at the theatre as David Essex stars in All the Fun of the Fair.

The legendary singer, actor, composer and lyricist will be treading the boards in his own musical set in the world of an authentic East End funfair.

This musical comes to Milton Keynes after a record-breaking West End season at the Garrick Theatre where it was nominated for Best New West End Musical 2010 by What's On Stage.

Inspired by David's album, All The Fun Of The Fair, the original storyline is a heart-warming tale about an East End fairground family with David playing owner, Levi Lee, recently widowed and father of a rebellious teenage son, Jack.

Dodgems and motorbikes, crafty cons and candy floss, fairground horses and fights, along with romance and rock and roll, mean you're sure to go on a rollercoaster of a ride, which is underscored by a helter-skelter of David's hits such as Winter's Tale, Hold Me Close, Gonna Make You A Star, plus many new compositions written specially for the show.

A number of the West End cast return to the show, including Louise English as Rosa, Tim Newman, nominated for Best Supporting Actor in a Musical

2010, as Jonny, and Susan Hallam Wright as Mary.

Along with exciting newcomer, Rob Compton, as Jack, they are directed by Nikolai Foster, acclaimed West End director of Flashdance and associate director of the West Yorkshire Playhouse.

There is also musical staging by Drew McOnie from BBC's So You Think You Can Dance.

Tickets cost between £10 and £29 and are available from the Milton Keynes Theatre box office by calling 0844 8717652, or visiting www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes.

Booking fees apply.

MK GALLERY

KITTEN POSTCARD PROJECT

Friday-February 26

KITTEN Postcard Project is the work of three former Milton Keynes Music Service students - artist Lucinda Chua, violinist Noura Sanatian and composer Nicholas Worrall.

The exhibition will include photography, performance, video, musical transcripts and musical composition from the team's creative journey.

The piano and violin duet was founded on an improvised musical start, and the goal is to demonstrate how the piece was put together.

Nicholas is a music composition graduate from the Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, and has been involved in many collaborative contemporary dance projects as a writer, choreographer and performer.

Known for her constructed photography, Lucinda puts on exhibitions at an international level and also performs records under the name of Felix.

Noura was also a graduate from Trinity Laban and is strongly interested in improvised music and has performed at Southbank Centre, the Birmingham Symphony Hall and the Royal Albert Hall.

Thursday night's scatch night will be all about sound art.

Clare Gasson will perform two pieces, a song performance and score. This free event starts at 6.30pm.

This week's Friday Night Film will be the Blood of a Poet.

Told in four episodes, an unnamed artist is transported through a mirror into another dimension. Rated E.

Tickets to the show, which starts at 6.30pm, cost £5 (concessions £3). Pre-book on 01908 676900.

VINTAGE TRAIN

A VINTAGE train service will be running from the city throughout February.

Over the next four Saturdays, The Railway Touring Company is offering people the chance to experience the bridges and steep climbs of the Settle and Carlisle railway line - one of Britain's most famous routes.

The Winter Cumbrian Mountain Express, a train of restored 1950s and 60s rail carriages, will take on the Ribblehead viaduct, a 1169-foot climb up to Airs Gill Summit and pass through Blea Moor Tunnel and Dent, England's highest railway station.

The Railway Touring Company's managing director Nigel Dobbing said: "We are delighted to be giving people travelling from Milton Keynes the opportunity to experience the Settle and Carlisle line."

Passengers who eat on board will relive 50s and 60s dining, with food freshly cooked by on-board chefs, silver service and white table linen.

Booking is necessary to reserve your place.

For more details, or information on how to book, visit www.railwaytouring.co.uk, or call 01553 661500.

WOBURN ABBEY

WOBURN Abbey will be hosting a seasonal advice session on Saturday and Sunday with the theme Pruning Evergreen Hedges.

The Abbey's gardeners will be sharing their best tips and advice for pruning hedges ready for the summer.

There will be two sessions each day - from 10.30am to 12.30pm and between 2 and 4pm.

In addition, free guided tours of the gardens will take place at 1pm.

Other gardening-related questions may also be asked during the sessions.

There is no need to book and the event price is included in the standard gardens admission of £3 for adults, £1 for children and £2 for senior citizens, students and disabled visitors.

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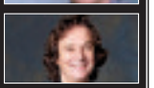

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Meet in the Artworks car park, Parklands off St Leger Drive, Great Linford.
Linford Manor Park 10am Free
Special 20th anniversary event

Tue 14
ALL OF A TWITTER
A school holiday event dedicated to finding out about our feathered friends. **Booking essential**. Park in Stony Stratford Nature Reserve car park, Queen Eleanor Street.
Ouse Valley Park 10am – 12pm £3/child

Thu 16
ROCKING ROCKS
A school holiday event with a geological twist. **Booking essential**. Park in Stonepit Field car park, Wolverton Road adjacent to the Black Horse pub. **Stonepit Field 10am – 12pm £3/child**

Tue 21
PUSH N TONE
Park in the Peace Pagoda car park, V10 Brickhill Street. **Willen Lake North 10am £2.50/person**

Sat 25
DISCOVER: WILDLIFE GARDENING
Short course for adults: *Introduction to gardening for wildlife*. **Booking essential**. Park at Campbell Park Pavilion, Silbury Boulevard. **Campbell Park 10am – 5pm £15/person**

Wed 29
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FILM REVIEW

JACK AND JILL

Synopsis: Comedy where Adam Sandler plays both Jack and Jill
Who's in it: Al Pacino, Adam Sandler, Katie Holmes

IF YOU are expecting a film about two kids walking up a hill and then falling back down the way they came then you are going to be disappointed.

There are no pails of water or broken crowns in sight but what we do have is Adam Sandler playing the parts of both the title characters.

Jack has a job in advertising and lives in Los Angeles with his wife and family, and everything is hunky-dory until Thanksgiving when his 'identical' twin sister Jill pitches up.

Jill turns out to be far from the perfect house guest and Jack dreads her visits, counting down the hours until she's gone.

If this all sounds absolutely ludicrous then that's because it is and things are about to get even stranger.

For an advertising job Jack is desperate to get Al Pacino on board, but when the legendary actor (played by himself) arrives, he starts to fall for Jill.

Quite how the star of the Godfather and Scarface ended up with a part like this is anyone's guess, but there must have been quite a few zeroes on the end of his pay cheque.

That's how much it would surely take to convince him to play a version of himself that has to try and chat up Adam Sandler in drag.

Some ideas should never get off the ground and this sadly is one of them.

Jack and Jill

With Sandler playing two parts the film has been billed as 'double the laughs' but sadly there aren't any laughs. At all.

Many of us have laughed ourselves silly watching Sandler's films in the cinema but there isn't anything to giggle about here, it's just a really poor idea that's not been done very well.

Sandler's drag is awful, it's literally just him in a dress and a wig, and there seems to be laziness and corner cutting at every turn.

In one scene the crazy cast board a boat and even though we are told that it is moving, it is far too obvious that it isn't.

Quite how Sandler and Pacino sleep at night having put their names to this is a question that needs to be asked.

The story about the two kids up a hill would have been a much better idea.

Rating: 2/10

JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG)

Synopsis: Adventure with fearsome beasts
Who's in it: Vanessa Hudgens, Josh Hutcherson, The Rock

THIS is the follow up to 2008's global smash Journey to the Centre of the Earth and we once again have an action-packed adventure.

Josh Hutcherson reprieves his role as Sean Anderson who receives a distress signal from an island where no island should exist.

Terrifying creatures and other dangerous situations await on the island but we all have a lot of fun along the way.

Rating: 7/10

BEAN THROWING FESTIVAL

Last year's bean throwing event

THE monks at Willen's Buddhist Temple are inviting people to attend their annual Bean Throwing Festival.

In Japanese it is known as Setsubun-e and the word 'Setsubun' is used to describe the eve of the beginning of spring-time.

Traditionally roasted soya beans are thrown to rid negative energy (bad spirits) and welcome in positive energy (good spirits) for the start of spring.

The ceremony is an informal affair and is usually well attended by families with children able to collect thrown beans and sweets for good luck.

The event takes place at the Nipponzan Myohoji Buddhist Templeon on Willen Lake North on Friday, starting 6pm, and is open to all.

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The closing date for entries is Wednesday, February 8 and the winner will be notified. The editor's decision is final.

DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

ALL weather furniture show, Middleton Hall, thecentre:mk. During normal opening hours.

MKC Library audio-visual sale. Bargains to be had, DVDs £2, box-sets £2, CDs £1. Until Saturday.

FRIDAY

ELVIS tribute, Old George, Stony Stratford. An hour of Presley classics, 9.15pm. Free.

NEED some chill out time after a busy week? Yoga relaxation and stretch at St Michael's Church, OU Campus, 6-7.30pm. For more details call 01908 218915, or email hypnomk@googlemail.com.

MK PEACE and Justice Network talk for the Holocaust Memorial Day, The Well at Willen. By Paul Salver of Leon School, called Speak up, Speak Out, about teaching tolerance. Starts 8.15pm. For more details call 01908 561365.

SATURDAY

BARREL Bikers Motorcycle Club late Christmas party, Cruk Barn (City Discovery Centre), Bradwell Abbey. Live music from indie and rock covers band LockDown. Prizes and raffle. Fancy dress optional. Admission £5 on the door, 7.30pm-midnight.

SUNDAY

MK RAMBLERS meet at 10am at Stonepit Field car park, in Wolverton Road (west of Black Horse pub for a ten-mile circular walk. No dogs please. Call 07941 235776 for more information.

MODELKRAFT 2012, Stantonbury Leisure Centre. Nearly 100 model clubs and traders will showcase many thousands of the best cars, planes and much more. Also suppliers of kits, accessories and tools for the modeller. From 10am to 4pm. For more details visit www.mksmc.co.uk.

ZUMBA party night, Oceania, CMK. Zumba dance routines to disco/pop/funk/latin sounds. Costs £15 for three hours or £5 per hour, 7-10pm. Pay online at www.zumbaatredhotred.co.uk/fever.html.

LIVE lunchtime music at Woughton Leisure Centre. This week's band A.K.A with their blend of rock, 1-4pm, free entry, famlies welcome.

Tell MK NEWS readers about YOUR event

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MONDAY

CHARITY quiz night at The Barge, Woolstone. In aid of Willen Hospice. Give your brain a workout while raising money for a good cause. Starts at 9pm, £1 per team member.

TUESDAY

FREE introduction to meditation, Willen Pavillion, 7.30-9pm. The classes are suitable for both beginners and experienced meditators. Overcome stress, develop a more peaceful state of mind and deal with daily difficulties more easily. Free, future classes until March 27 cost £5. For more information call 01604 686778.

WEDNESDAY

ZUMBA Class a The Buszy. Latin based cardio dance fitness total body workout. A combination of basic and easy to follow steps for all ages, shapes and sizes. From 5.30-7pm, Old Bus Station CMK. For more details call Yasmin on 07966 488727.

OPEN Film Society, The Maid. Raquel has worked for the same family for years. To ease her work they employ a series of other maids. She initially objects to the new arrivals and proves quite adroit at dealing with them, but then comes to realise that she can have a life outside the family. Show times 6.15 and 8.45pm, Old Lecture Theatre, OU.

YOGA meditation, chanting and Relaxation. Portfields Community Centre, Newport Pagnell, 8-9pm. For more details call 01908 218915, or e-mail ypnomk@googlemail.com.

THE SONG LOFT

SOUNDS of the Scottish Highlands will sweep through Milton Keynes when The Tannahill Weavers bring their dynamic, traditional Celtic music to The Song Loft in Stony Stratford.

As one of Scotland's premier traditional bands, these versatile musicians have received worldwide accolades over the years for their exuberant performances and outstanding recording efforts.

Their diverse repertoire spans the centuries with fire-driven instrumentals, topical songs, and original ballads and lullabies.

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From reflective ballads to foot stomping reels and jigs, the variety and range of the material they perform is matched only by their enthusiasm and lively Celtic spirits.

The Tannahills will be supported by St Albans-based group Na-Mara.

Tickets to the performance, on Friday at 8.15pm, cost £12 and are available on the door.

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Palate cleanser

Blood orange sorbet, vodka pomegranate syrup

Main

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Downhead Park

WITHIN a short walk of the Grand Union Canal is this well presented detached family home situated in Colesbourne Drive.

The property is offered in outstanding condition throughout and comprises of really good sized family accommodation split over two levels.

On the ground floor there is an entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, dining room, study, refitted kitchen with breakfast area, utility room and double glazed conservatory, while on the first floor there is a master bedroom with a range of built-in wardrobes, an en-suite shower room and access to a balcony, along with three further bedrooms (one which also gives access to the balcony) and a family bathroom.

Outside there is a well-kept enclosed rear garden, as well as a part lawned front garden with a shingle driveway providing ample off-road parking. This leads to a detached double garage with power, light and eaves storage space. Further benefits to the property include double glazing and gas to radiator central heating.

Downhead Park is located in the north eastern corner of Milton Keynes and is within easy walking distance of shops, schools and parkland, including the popular Willen Lake.

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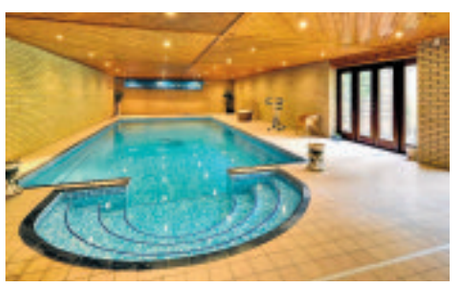

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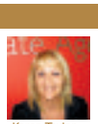
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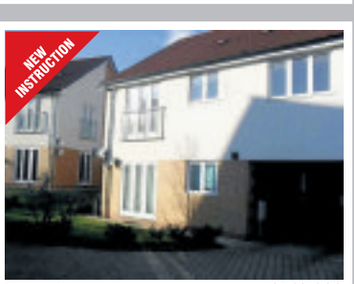

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- Gas central heating
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- Driveway & Garage
- Rear Garden
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- Re-fitted Kitchen
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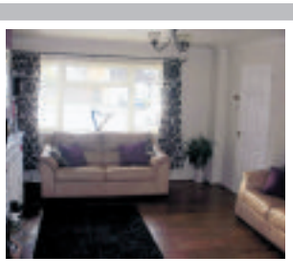

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- Detached
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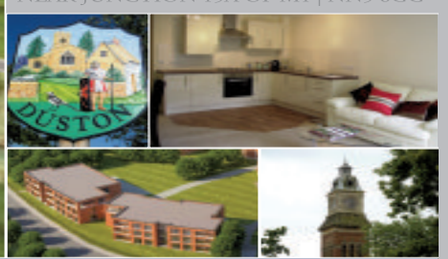

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Three bedrooms
Conservtory
Double glazing
Front & rear Gardens
Driveway & Garage
No upper chain

Emerson Valley £385,000

Four bedroom detached
Separate receptions
Conservatory
En suite to master
Re-fitted bathroom
Double garage

Wavendon Gate £340,000

Four Bed Detached
Double Glazing
Various Reception Rooms
Master Ensuite
Rear Garden
Double Garage

Heelands £170,000

Link detached property
Three bedrooms
Family room/dining room
Double glazing
Gas central heating
Off road parking

Bletchley £123,000

Terraced Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge/diner
Double Glazing
Gas Central Heating
Gardens & Garage

Emerson Valley Guide £390,000

Five bedroom detached
Wc & Utility
Kitchen/breakfast room
Three reception rooms
Master Ensuite
Double Garage

Oldbrook OIEO £137,000

One Bedroom Link Detached Bungalow
Lounge
Refitted Kitchen
Conservatory
Shower Room
Front & Rear Garden
Single garage and Off Road Parking

Bradwell £170,000

Three Bedroom Semi
Gas Central Heating
Off Road Parking
Single Garage
Front & Rear Gardens
Popular Location

Wavendon Gate OIEO £190,000

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property
Set On A Corner Plot
Cloakroom
South Westerly Facing Garden
Driveway & Garage Providing Off Road Parking
No Chain

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Detached family home
Three bedrooms
En suite to master
Separate reception rooms
Kitchen and utility
Garage and gardens

North Furzton Guide £300,000

Detached family home
Four bedrooms
En suite to master
Separate receptions
Gardens to front and rear
Double garage

Great Holm £195,000

Three Bedrooms
Gas to Radiator Heating
Double Glazing
Garden
Garage
Off Road Parking

Hodge Lea Guide Price £108,000

Three bedroom property
Lounge
Downstairs cloakroom
Kitchen/Diner
Re-fitted bathroom
Gardens & off road parking

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Lounge
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Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
Refitted Kitchen
Off Road Parking
Refurbished Throughout
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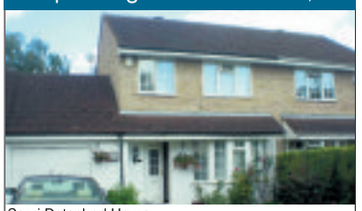
Newport Pagnell O.I.E.O £190,000



Semi Detached Home
Two Reception Rooms
Three Bedrooms
Conservatory
Garage . Front and Rear Garden
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Harrold O.I.E.O £70,000

One Bedroom Maisonette
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Lounge/Diner
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Harrold £142,000

No Upper Chain
Two Bed Terraced
Lounge/Diner
Rear Garden
Garage
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Newport Pagnell Guide Price £125,000

NO CHAIN
Two Bedrooms Ground Floor Apartment
Kitchen
Lounge/Diner
Allocated Parking
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Haversham Guide Price £235,000

NO CHAIN
Four Bedroom Semi Detached
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Kitchen
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Well Presented Two Double Bedrooms
Brick Built Cottage
Popular Village Location
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SPRINGFIELD OFFERS OVER £74,950

A VACANT ground floor flat ideal for the first time or investment buyer. The accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge/kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, and parking.

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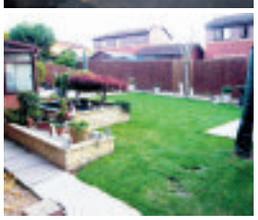
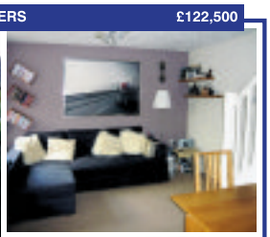
A well presented TWO BEDROOM semi detached home benefiting from replacement PVCu double glazing, gas radiator central heating and a SINGLE GARAGE.

DOWNHEAD PARK - LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION £450,000



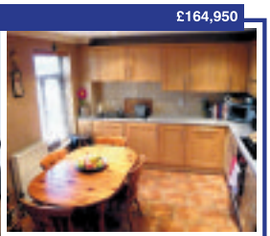
A well presented detached family home offering good sized accommodation throughout comprising cloakroom, THREE RECEPTIONS, refitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility, conservatory, FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (master with en suite) and a bathroom. Outside there is an enclosed rear garden and ample off road parking leading to a double garage. The house is located within walking distance of shops, schools and parks making this an ideal purchase for a growing family.

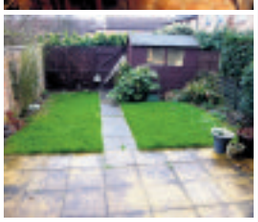
WESTCROFT - IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME AND INVESTMENT BUYERS £122,500



A well presented cluster home enjoying pleasant views to the front and benefiting from recently fitted REPLACEMENT PVCu DOUBLE GLAZING. The accommodation comprises hall, lounge, kitchen with oven and hob, double bedroom and bathroom. There is also parking and a GARDEN. Westcroft is located on the Western flank of Milton Keynes and boasts a range of shops making this an ideal purchase for both first time investment buyers. This property MUST BE VIEWED!!!

CLOSE TO CITY CENTRE - MUST BE VIEWED £164,950





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- Re-fitted bathroom
- Gas to radiator heating via replacement boiler
- Lounge through diner
- One and a half width garage

WOLVERTON £190,000

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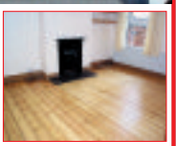

- 3 double bedrooms
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- Upstairs bathroom/refitted downstairs shower room
- Re-fitted kitchen. No upper chain

NEW BRADWELL £140,000

REDUCED

- 3 bedrooms
- Victorian style mid terrace house
- Lounge/diner
- Double glazed windows
- Gas to radiator heating
- Downstairs bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- No upper chain

WOLVERTON OIEO £180,000

REDUCED

- 3 bed extended semi detached
- Separate reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Utility room
- UPVC double glazing
- Off road rear parking
- Backing onto Wolverton Rec Grounds

WOLVERTON £150,000

REDUCED

- 3 double bedrooms
- Two separate reception rooms
- Downstairs bathroom
- Separate w.c.
- Gas to radiator heating
- Replacement combination boiler
- Front & rear gardens
- Single garage

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WOLVERTON £170,000

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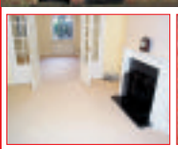

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- Utility room
- Downstairs cloakroom

WOLVERTON MILL £215,000

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- En-suite to master bedroom
- Kitchen with built in appliances
- Sealed unit double glazed windows
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Lounge/diner
- Gas to radiator heating
- Front & rear gardens
- Garage to the side
- No upper chain

WOLVERTON £169,995

- 3 double bedrooms
- Double bay fronted Townhouse
- Built in 2006 by Tegan Homes
- Fitted kitchen with built in appliances
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Double glazed sash windows
- Gas to radiator heating
- Allocated parking space
- No upper chain

GREENLEYS £120,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Mid terraced house
- Re-fitted kitchen/diner
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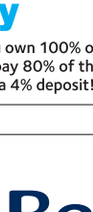

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Email: rblake@bedfordschool.org.uk

A copy of the job description and an application form are available to download from the School's website (www.bedfordschool.org.uk).

Applications should be returned to the Head Master no later than midday on Wednesday 1st February 2012. Please note that CVs will not be considered.

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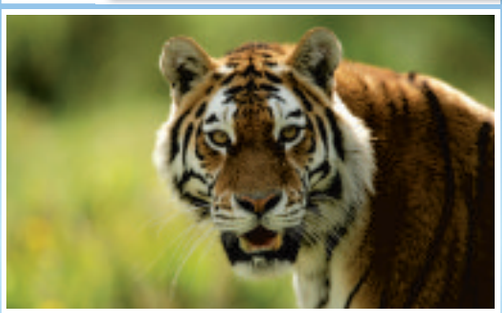

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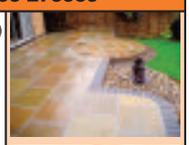

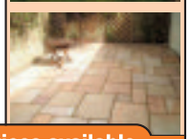

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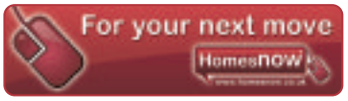

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Representations received in response to this appliation will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety, or protection of children from harm.) Individuals making a representation must live in the vicinity of the premise.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine of £5,000 is liable on summary conviction for the offence.

Dated this 21st day of February 2012.

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

Statutory Proposal to Close the Specialist Department for Children with Physical Difficulties at Shepherdswell School and Orchard School

NOTICE IS GIVEN in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Milton Keynes Council, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HS intends to make a prescribed alteration to Shepherdswell School (Community School), Billingwell Place, Springfield, Milton Keynes, MK6 3NP and also Orchard School (Community School), Springfield Boulevard, Springfield, Milton Keynes, MK6 4HW from 1 September 2012.

Milton Keynes Council proposes to close the specialist department for children with physical difficulties. The closure will be a phased removal. All children already in the department can continue to attend the schools for as long as the provision continues to meet their individual needs. No new children will be admitted to the specialist department, and it is expected children with physical difficulties will have their needs met within their local mainstream school or the next nearest mainstream school. When no children remain within the department, it is proposed the department is then closed.

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to:
Marie Denny, School Organisation and Planning Manager (01908 253935).
Milton Keynes Council, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3HS
Objections and comments may also be emailed to:
School-organisation-planning@milton-keynes.gov.uk

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Marie Denny, at the above address.

Signed: Gail Tolley, Corporate Director, Children and Families.

Date: 1 February 2012.

SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS ACT 1975
FIRE SAFETY & SAFETY OF PLACES OF SPORT ACT 1987
RE: STADIUM MK
AT STADIUM WAY WEST
BLETCHLEY, MILTON KEYNES MK1 1ST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Milton Keynes Council issued an amended Safety Certificate in respect of MK Dons Stadium, Milton Keynes on the 19th January 2012.

A copy of the certificate is available for inspection by prior appointment at the Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes during office hours. Monday to Thursday 9.00am - 5.15pm and Friday 9.00am to 4.45pm.

Philip Winsor, Assistant Director.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(CHURCH LANE, LOUGHTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 1 February 2012 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to enable British Telecom to gain safe access to their equipment in order to carry out necessary cabling and jointing works within Church Lane, Loughton, Milton Keynes. The effect of this is to temporarily prohibit vehicular access along Church Lane, Loughton from a point in line with the northern boundary of number 6, continuing to its junction with Pitcher Lane and School Lane. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from 8.00 am until 5.00 pm on Friday 3 February 2012.

Whilst the road is temporarily closed the alternative route for north-westbound traffic will be along Pitcher Lane to its junction with Leys Road, turn right onto Leys Road and continue in a westerly direction to its junction with Bradwell Road, then turn right onto Bradwell Road and continue northerly to its junction with Church Lane, and vice versa for south-eastbound traffic.

The alternative route will be signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual and advance information signs will be placed at either end of the length of road to be closed a few days before the works are due to take place.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order.

Access to and from residential properties along Church Lane will be available during the temporary closure.

The Order will come into operation on 3 February 2012 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the said works have been completed whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further Order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 1 February 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
11/02815/FUL	Installation of photovoltaic panels (retrospective) at MK Christian Foundation, Aylesbury Street, Wolverton.
12/00103/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to reduce Lime tree (T2) by 40%; reduce Lime trees (T3, T4, T5, T6 and T7) by 30%; all trees to be lifted road side by 5m at 20 Lime Street, Olney.
12/00121/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce in height one Willow by 25% at Mounts House, West Lane, Emberton.
12/00125/FUL	Replacement ridged roof to rear of dwelling at 13 Hardwick Place, Woburn Sands.
12/00128/TCA	Notification of intention to fell one Black Pine tree (T1) at The Old Rectory, High Street, Great Linford.
12/00131/TCA	Notification of intention to fell one Ash tree (T1), reduce by 20%, 5 Apple trees (T2, T3, T4, T7 and T8) and 3 Pear trees (T5, T6 and T9) at The Barn, Home Farm, Broughton Road, Milton Keynes Village.
SECTION 67 & 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA AND AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**
12/00109/TCA	Notification of intention to: T3 Tilia spp – Repollard and girdle ivy; T4 Fraxinus excelsior – Remove; T5 Tilia spp – Repollard and girdle ivy; T6 Tilia spp – Repollard and girdle ivy; T7 Fraxinus excelsior – Remove; T8 Tilia spp – Remove; T9 Tilia spp – Repollard; T10 Acer pseudoplatanus – Remove; T11 Acer pseudoplatanus – Repollard and girdle ivy at Stony Stratford Baptist Church Horsefair Green Stony Stratford Milton Keynes
SECTION 67	LISTED BUILDING
11/02745/FUL	Conversion of rear lean-to outbuilding; replacement of some doors and windows; insulation to some areas; removal of shower room and other internal alterations; and installation of a new gate at Wolverton Park, Mill End, Wolverton Mill.
11/02746/LBC	Listed Building Consent for the conversion of rear lean-to outbuilding; replacement of some doors and windows; insulation to some areas; removal of shower room and other internal alterations; and installation of a new gate at Wolverton Park, Mill End, Wolverton Mill.

Nick Fenwick, Assistant Director of Planning, Economy And Development.

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
NOTICE OF CONSULTATION ON THE MILTON KEYNES DRAFT WIND TURBINES SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT AND EMERGING POLICY: WIND TURBINES PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT)(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2004, AS AMENDED
REGULATION 17 – 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'

The Draft Wind Turbines Supplementary Planning Document and Emerging Policy: Wind Turbines Planning Applications (January 2012) will be available for consultation from Thursday 2 February 2012 until 5pm Wednesday 28 March 2012. Any person may make representations about the Council's proposals for the document within this consultation period.

Title of Document: Wind Turbines Supplementary Planning Document and Emerging Policy: Wind Turbines Planning Applications (January 2012)

Subject matter: The draft document provides guidance for large scale wind turbine planning applications. It seeks to increase protection of residential amenity, as well as the safety of pedestrians and horse riders.

Area covered: The draft SPD covers the whole of Milton Keynes Borough administrative area.

Details of consultation

The consultation period runs from **Thursday 2 February until 5pm Wednesday 28 March 2012.** Any person may make representations about the Council's proposals for the SPD within this consultation period.

How to make representations

Online: http://miltonkeynes-consult.objective.co.uk
Email: development.plans@milton-keynes.gov.uk
Post: Development Plans
Milton Keynes Council
Civic Office
1 Saxon Gate East
Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ

Consultation Documents

Details of the consultation, together with the consultation documents, can be viewed at:

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/wind-turbines

Paper copies of all documents can also be viewed in the Civic Offices, and in our libraries. Opening times of all the libraries are available at http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/library_services/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=67529.

Please note that any representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of the adoption of the SPD.

Contact details

If you need further information, please contact us: Tel: 01908 252599, or
Email: development.plans@milton-keynes.gov.uk

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(BOW BRICKHILL LEVEL CROSSING, V10 BRICKHILL STREET) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicular access along that part of the V10 Brickhill Street that runs for a distance of 75 metres either side of the railway level crossing at Bow Brickhill Station, Milton Keynes

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure is necessary to enable works to be carried out, namely remedial works to the level crossing including the renewal of road panels. It is anticipated the temporary closure will commence from 11.00pm on Saturday 11th February 2012 until 3.00am on Monday 13th February 2012. The road will open sooner if the works are completed ahead of schedule.

The alternative route for northbound traffic will be to proceed in a southerly direction along the V10 Brickhill Street then north on the A5D then east along the A4146 H10 Bletcham Way, then south along V10 Brickhill Street. Southbound traffic will be vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency service vehicles and military service vehicles on operational duties.

The proposed Order will come into operation on the 11th February 2012 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 1 February 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (ARDWELL LANE (PART) GREENLEYS) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular access along the following lengths of Ardwell Lane, Greenleys as follows

Phase 1 – That length of Ardwell Lane, Greenleys, from its junction with Catchpole Close to its junction with Harvester Close.
The alternative route for traffic will be to proceed via Ardwell Lane, Ridgeway, Great Monks Street, Field Lane and Ardwell Lane.

Phase 2 – That length of Ardwell Lane, Greenleys, from its junction with Harvester Close to its junction with Field Lane.
The alternative route for traffic will be via Ardwell Lane, Field Lane, Great Monks Street, Ridgeway and Ardwell Lane.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closures are necessary to enable works to be carried out, namely, remedial works to the two existing speed humps.

It is anticipated that the temporary road closures will come into effect from Monday 13th February 2012 until Sunday 19th February 2012, inclusive. The closure will commence with Phase 1 and Phase 2 will follow after the completion of Phase 1. The road may reopen sooner if the works are completed ahead of schedule.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency service vehicles and military service vehicles on operational duties.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 13th February 2012 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of this Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 1 February 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East,
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single women

JEAN 5ft 6ins, slim-medium build, young at heart, genuine, seeks similar gent for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 383427**

TRACY 39, fun blue eyed busty blonde, a little dizzy at times but a big bundle of fun, WLTM professional male for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 384045**

JO 21yr old single mum who loves nights out, seeks understanding male for adult fun and more. ACA. Can accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 384043**

PROFESSIONAL lady, attractive, seeks professional man, likes nights in/out, country walks, sporty, fit, slim with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 384323**

ANNE early 60's, active, professional, 5ft 7ins, seeks spiritual type male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 379231**

LADY looking for male dance partner to keep fit, make friends and dance. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 382831**

LISA sexy blonde 31yrs, extremely fit and outgoing, seeking male for casual friendship with benefits. Discretion assured. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380879**

TRISH tall slim brunette, honest, reliable, affectionate, OHAC, no ties, outgoing, loves Indian food, seeking male 39-50yrs for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380877**

JANE passionate lady seeking unconventional young at heart male 35-50 for free spirited, open-minded fun and new experiences. Single dads welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 375611**

ELSIE 62, widow, looking for N/S male, honest, genuine and caring for friendship/company. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 377411**

CAROL alone on a Saturday night with a bag of chips, what am I doing? Sick of being single and looking for a male who can handle a good women. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 383119**

JULIE attractive blonde with strong family values seeking Mr Right. If you have a GSOH and are loving, pls reply. Age/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 384041**

SARAH 36, young looking, single mum, own home, seeks male to look after for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 383959**

SHARON 5ft 7ins, slim blonde, attractive, funny, good job, nice home, sports car, well educated/travelled, newly single and looking for love. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 383113**

SENSUAL discreet, mature, blonde lady, seeks discreet, mature, available gent for fun, friendship chats and text. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 378865**

SUSIE tactile 33yr old female who loves fast cars and motorbikes, seeks genuine male prepared to live life in the fast lane, 35-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 382163**

MARION 38 slim, sporty, fun with good personality, loves travel, holding hands and caring for people. Seeks genuine male, no time wasters. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 383159**

VAL compassionate outgoing female with a big heart and no preconceptions just looking for love with similar minded male. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 383155**

TARA charismatic, optimistic Irish entrepreneur, sensual, attractive, intelligent, seeks genuine male to spoil, enjoy good times and let just take it from there. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 383121**

63YR old widow, 5ft 7ins, N/S, likes most things, seeks genuine, honest gent, 63-70 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 384259**

MARIA 5ft 5ins, divorced, size 14-16, N/S, seeks English man, 40-50 for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 382029**

GWEN lovely dark haired, dark blue eyed slim sensual female with GSOH, WLTM male 35-50 for fun dates and romantic nights in together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380443**

DEBBIE dark haired passionate classy, discreet female looking for professional intelligent male wanting mutual companionship. Can accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380441**

DEBORAH 38 missing that special someone in my life. Call me, even if you're not the one I guarantee we will still have loads of fun! **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380439**

LINDA 50's, brunette, brown eyes, 5ft 5ins, likes socialising, cinema, meals out, holidays, seeks male, 45-60 who are fun and young at heart for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380701**

ERIN attractive petite divorcee with own home, looking for nights in/out, friendship and maybe more with mature male. Looks/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 383111**

WIDOW 62, shy, easygoing, seeks honest, genuine, caring gent for friendship/companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 378043**

ANGELA Scottish female, dark hair, green eyes, attractive, new to the area, no ties, OHAC, seeks gentle male for good times and more. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 382227**

single men

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IAN 5ft 11ins, slim, caring, honest, GSOH, likes walks, socialising, animals, seeks attractive, slim lady with similar interests. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 384455**

WILLIAM young 62, N/S, 5ft 11ins, Gemini, country guy, seeks slim female, 35-50, N/S for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 381567**

51YR old male, GSOH, seeks female up to 45 for friendship, possible LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 384491**

BRITISH black male, 6ft 2ins, 50, loving, considerate, seeks black female 18-40 for adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 381995**

IAN 40 looking for large lady for discreet fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 383517**

TREV black male, British, 41, slim, sporty, seeks female for love, relationship and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380319**

43YR old male, 5ft 10ins, slim, dark hair, blue/grey eyes, likes wining/dining, theatre, seeks female, 38-45. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380163**

KEN 57, 5ft 4ins, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks female for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 303370**

NATURIST male, 42, looking to meet female for discreet fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 381099**

MARK disabled, 36, smoker, seeking female for relationship and friends. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380993**

JERRY 41, white, tall, attractive, GSOH, smart dresser, OHAC, self employed, seeks slim-medium build female, 30-45 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380951**

ASIAN male, 59, tall, seeks N/S female for fun relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380737**

SINGLE guy looking for female friendship, 30-45. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380403**

GENE 50, young looking, Aries, 6ft 2ins, seeks female, 18-35, size 14-20 for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 381887**

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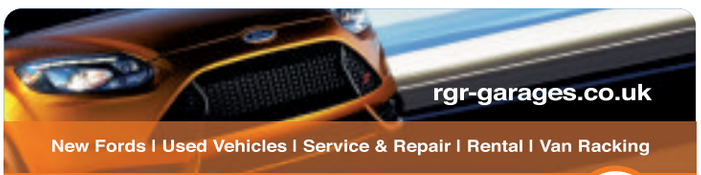

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AUG 9 CHELTENHAM (A) CC1	W	4-1
AUG 13 EXETER (A)	W	2-0
AUG 16 YEOVIL (A)	W	1-0
AUG 20 CHESTERFIELD (H)	W	6-2
AUG 23 NORWICH (A) CC2	W	4-0
AUG 27 STEVENAGE (H)	W	1-0
AUG 30 BRENTFORD (H) JPT1	D	3-3
(BRENTFORD WON 4-3 ON PENS)		
SEP 3 CARLISLE (A)	W	3-1
SEP 10 SHEFF WED (A)	L	3-1
SEP 17 HUDDERSFIELD (H)	D	1-1
SEP 20 BURNLEY (A) CC3	L	2-1
SEP 24 BURY (A)	D	0-0
SEP 27 CHARLTON (H)	D	1-1
OCT 1 NOTTS COUNTY (H)	W	3-0
OCT 10 OLDHAM (A)	L	2-1
OCT 15 BOURNEMOUTH (H)	D	2-2
OCT 22 SCUNTHORPE (H)	D	0-0
OCT 25 SHEFF UTD (A)	L	2-1
OCT 29 WALSALL (A)	W	2-0
NOV 5 ROCHDALE (H)	W	3-1
NOV 12 NANTWICH (H) FAC1	W	6-0
NOV 19 COLCHESTER (A)	W	5-1
NOV 26 WYCOMBE (H)	W	4-3
DEC 3 BARNET (A) FAC2	W	3-1
DEC 10 TRANMERE (A)	W	2-0
DEC 17 PRESTON (H)	L	1-0
DEC 26 LEYTON ORIENT (A)	W	3-0
DEC 31 BRENTFORD (A)	D	3-3
JAN 2 COLCHESTER (H)	W	1-0
JAN 7 QPR (H) FAC3	D	1-1
JAN 17 QPR (A) FAC3R	L	1-0
JAN 21 NOTTS COUNTY (A)	D	1-1
JAN 24 STEVENAGE (A)	L	4-2
JAN 31 SHEFF WED (H)	D	1-1
FEB 4 HUDDERSFIELD (A)		
FEB 11 BURY (H)		
FEB 14 CHARLTON (A)		
FEB 18 OLDHAM (H)		
FEB 25 BOURNEMOUTH (A)		
MAR 3 HARTLEPOOL (A)		
MAR 6 YEOVIL (H)		
MAR 10 EXETER (H)		
MAR 17 CHESTERFIELD (A)		
MAR 20 LEYTON ORIENT (H)		
MAR 27 CARLISLE (H)		
MAR 24 WYCOMBE (A)		
MAR 31 BRENTFORD (H)		
APR 7 PRESTON (A)		
APR 9 TRANMERE (H)		
APR 14 SCUNTHORPE (A)		
APR 21 SHEFF UTD (H)		
APR 28 ROCHDALE (A)		
MAY 5 WALSALL (H)		

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LOCAL FOOTBALL

NON-LEAGUE

UCL Premier: Newport Pagnell Town 3 Deeping 4; South Mids D1: Stony Stratford Town 2 Crawley Green 5; Chesham Reserves 3 New Bradwell 1.

MK SUNDAY LEAGUE

WITH nearest rivals Stony Stratford on cup duty, Willen took full advantage in the Premier League with a 13-0 win against the Open University to extend their lead at the top of the table.

FC Lifesearch defeated Padbury AFC 3-0, Stantonbury Social A beat Kings Arms 3-1 and Trade 2U beat Loughton Athletic 4-1 in the other games.

In Division One Olney are still top after their 7-2 win against Punjab Utd.

The goals in the rout came from Greg Hardie (2), Scott Wrighting (2), Sean Amiss, Tony White and Christian Smail.

AFC Santander stay level on points with them though after a 5-2 win against Stantonbury Social B, but Stoke Hammond MK lost ground on the leaders after being held to a 2-2 draw with MK United.

FC MMIX beat Stacey Bushes 7-0, Stantonbury The Manor drew 1-1 with New City Saints and MK Legends lost 5-2 to Buckingham United.

DONS 1 SHEFF WEDNESDAY 1

Smith's Dons bow finishes all square

DEBUT DAY: Alan Smith (right) put in a decent shift for MK Dons in the midfield but he couldn't help his new side claw back some points on third-placed Sheffield Wednesday, while Luke Chadwick (below) comes up against David Prutton

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spree in the first few weeks of the season. Wednesday had started brightly before the goal, winning a couple of corners, and they didn't take long to get themselves back into the game.

The ball was floated into the box and Dons keeper David Martin failed to claim it when surrounded by a crowd of bodies.

Martin wanted a foul but no whistle came and the loose ball was then bundled in, possibly via a touch off Dons centre back Gary MacKenzie.

With the match now nicely poised it was Wednesday who raised the tempo and striker Gary Madine struck over after swiveling in the six-yard-box.

But the first half was hardly a classic with both sides struggling to test the opposing keeper while temperatures plummeted to below zero.

Both defences were holding firm and snuffing out any hopes of a cutting edge and the final passes were often drifting harmlessly out of play, while a host of fouls were awarded in the scrappy contest.

The half-time whistle allowed both sides to retire to the warmth of the changing room and each manager knew the game could be grasped by the scruff of the neck if their players pushed up through the gears after the break.

Chris O'Grady got behind the home defence moments after the kick-off but he couldn't get a clean contact and the ball was turned behind for a corner.

Dons needed to hack the resulting corner off the line and another Wednesday corner was then headed narrowly wide by Madine,

Karl Robinson only waited five minutes to introduce Smith and the new man, playing in midfield with Stephen Gleeson now dropping back, immediately threw himself into a crunching header.

Dons were given a lift and Williams' close range free-kick had to be cleared over his own crossbar by Wednesday's Jon Otsemobor.

The game continued in a similar fashion to the first half and Robinson threw on Ibehre with just over an hour played to try and add some strength to the forward line.

He made an immediate impact with a couple of strong challenges and Flanagan then had to throw himself at the ball to block John Bostock's drive.

With some questionable decisions from Mr Linnington beginning to frustrate Robinson on the touchline, Dons huffed and puffed but could not breach the Owls' backline.

Smith was putting himself about well but was by no means bossing the game in the middle of the park and when Wednesday made trips forward they looked more likely to score than Dons did.

Miguel Llera headed over from close range and the home defence was being kept busy as Wednesday regularly broke at speed to keep the back four busy.

Dons rallied late on but both teams will accept a point from a game where neither keeper was regularly tested.

Dons: Martin, Lewington, MacKenzie, Gleeson, Bowditch, MacDonald (Ibehre 61), Chicksen (Smith 50), Williams, Flanagan, O'Shea (Powell 79), Chadwick.
Unused subs: McLoughlin, Baldock.

Sheff Wed: Bywater, Semedo, Sedgwick (Bostock 60), Prutton, Buxton, Batth, Otsemobor, Llera, R.Johnson, Madine (J.Johnson 61), O'Grady (Morrison 84).
Unused subs: Weaver, Lines.
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MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

TO GET someone like Alan Smith in is a real coup for the club.

Alex, his agent, is a long-term friend of mine and he called me up to mention a couple of players.

One of them happened to be Alan Smith and I said 'are you serious?'

He confirmed it and said that Alan had watched us and had been really impressed with the way we had played and that he would like to play in an attacking team like us.

Alex was adamant that Alan wanted to come and enjoy his football.

I told Karl and full credit to him as he acted quickly and said straight away to set up a meeting.

We all met him and he agreed to come, it was as quick as that.

It's tremendous for the club, not just for the now, but maybe for the future to show people the type of player we can attract.

Hopefully we will be able to bring in further big names and players of that quality.

But when we get a good player it does mean that someone will have to be left out of the team which is difficult as we have been doing so well.

You would like to think that the signing will get some more fans into the stadium, especially with the way the team has been playing.

We've been very busy in the last days of the transfer window although Karl has been busier than me.

But it's been good to have Alex Rae back at the club.

Head of recruitment Paul Mitchell, who has left for another job at Southampton, became a friend and we wish him well with his new venture.

But we're delighted to have someone like Alex to take his place in his role of chief scout.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Charlton	28	8	5	0	28	9	11	2	2	25	11	33	64
2	Huddersfield	28	9	4	1	25	13	5	8	1	31	15	28	54
3	Sheffield Wed	28	9	3	1	27	13	7	3	5	24	23	15	54
4	Sheffield Utd	27	10	2	2	33	16	6	3	4	19	12	24	53
5	MK Dons	27	6	6	1	25	14	7	3	4	27	17	21	48
6	Stevenage	27	6	4	3	21	14	6	5	3	22	11	18	45
7	Carlisle	27	6	4	3	24	22	5	5	4	17	21	-2	42
8	Brentford	28	5	5	5	22	20	5	5	3	16	15	3	40
9	Bournemouth	28	5	2	6	14	17	6	5	4	21	18	0	40
10	Bury	28	5	3	5	17	20	6	2	7	19	25	-9	38
11	Notts County	28	6	5	2	23	15	4	2	9	20	25	3	37
12	Hartlepool	28	4	2	8	14	16	6	5	3	22	20	0	37
13	Colchester	27	5	5	4	24	25	4	4	5	13	16	-4	36
14	Preston	28	5	3	6	23	28	5	3	6	18	20	-7	36
15	Leyton Orient	28	4	4	7	14	20	5	4	4	16	19	-9	35
16	Oldham	26	5	3	5	16	16	3	5	5	16	21	-5	32
17	Tranmere	28	5	7	3	14	11	3	1	9	15	23	-5	32
18	Yeovil	28	5	2	8	19	25	1	7	5	13	21	-14	27
19	Exeter	28	4	5	5	13	15	2	4	8	11	25	-16	27
20	Walsall	28	3	6	6	14	19	1	7	5	12	15	-8	25
21	Scunthorpe	27	2	6	6	20	26	2	7	4	14	17	-9	25
22	Rochdale	28	3	6	5	17	22	2	3	9	10	27	-22	24
23	Chesterfield	28	3	5	6	14	18	2	3	9	19	31	-16	23
24	Wycombe	28	4	2	8	17	24	2	3	9	18	30	-19	23

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RUGBY UNION

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THERE was a much needed victory for Olney who avenged the 48-0 reverse suffered when the two sides met earlier in the season.

Two tries and a penalty gave Olney a 15-5 lead at half-time and they went over again in the second.

Bletchley 25 Marlow 0

A DOMINANT first-half display saw Bletchley ease to victory over Marlow, with a strong defensive effort preventing their opponents from troubling the scorers.

KARATE

A YEAR-NINE school pupil has become a karate national champion.

Michael Flint, who attends Oakgrove School, achieved first position in continuous sparring and second in points sparring at the National All Style UK finals in Slough.

ROLLER DERBY

THE sport of roller derby will be skating in to Milton Keynes on Sunday.

Two all-female teams of five players take to an oval track on roller skates, with each nominating a scoring player or 'jammer' who gains points for lapping those on the other team.

Other team members try to help their own jammer while stopping the opposing one in the full-contact spectacle.

The city's very own MK Concrete Cows are hosting the first ever public exhibition of the sport in MK at 1.30pm on Sunday, at Bletchley Leisure Centre.

Tickets are £10 on the door, or £7.50 if you buy them in advance. For more information visit www.facebook.com/mkrollerderby.

ATHLETICS

THERE were some fine performances for MK Athletics Club at the South of England Cross Country Championships in Brighton.

The star performer was once again Alfie Yabsley who claimed tenth place in the M13 race.

CRICKET

BLETCHLEY Town CC start their winter nets on February 3 and are keen to welcome new players, both junior and senior.

The first XI are hoping to improve on last year's seventh place finish in the Cherwell League. For information call James Clark on 07977 917396.

VINCE'S VIEW

OUR win against Durham was clinical and professional despite Daniel Northern's absence, and although the visit to Guildford started well we ultimately didn't perform well enough for long enough.

As I write this I am not sure of the result of our appeal against Demarius Bolds' expulsion from the game by the referee, but hopefully common sense has prevailed as we don't want to get into ref bashing.

However, one has to put your foot down sometimes and this was clearly a case of an over-exuberant referee.

Plymouth Raiders are coming to terms with their poor showing at the BBL Cup final at the NIA, which has turned out to be a a nightmare venue for them of late.

We hope we can turn the arena here into more of the same. We will have to pay attention to key players, Lehmon Colbert, Jeremy Bell and Anthony Rowe.

Colbert is very multi-faceted and can play different spots all across the floor. Reigning BBL MVP Bell is an impressive scorer and can lead the team very well while Rowe just sets out to outwork his opponent on any night.

The supporting cast all bring plenty to the table so Friday's game will be a tough test for how far we have come this season.

From our perspective we have been in a really positive flow, six wins in our last ten with some road wins to boot.

Demarius has been doing his thing while Adrien has really stepped up. The work of our inside men has been very impressive and it is here that we would like to see us pound everyone.

Daniel, Howard and Robert make a formidable barrier. Commiserations to our U16s who fell at the semi-final hurdle to NASSA last Sunday but it was a mighty effort they put in.

ICE HOCKEY

Bison charge to end debut hopes

MK LIGHTNING slipped to their heaviest defeat of the season so far as a rampaging Basingstoke Bison made it a debut to forget for new signing Tuomas Tikkanen.

The city skaters had beaten Basingstoke every time the two sides had faced this season but they came unstuck at Planet Ice on Saturday.

Finn Tikkanen took to the ice for the first time since joining Lightning last week as a replacement for the released forward Juraj Gracik.

But Bison took the lead 20 seconds into the second period through Ollie Bronnimann and the same player doubled the advantage.

Muzzy Wales pulled one back for Lightning but the comeback failed to materialise as Daniel Volrab and Sam Oakford both found the target to increase the Basingstoke lead.

Bison's fifty-year-old player-coach Steve Moria added the fifth goal to leave Lightning fifth in the English Premier League table.

Nick Poole's side are determined to bounce back and have a point to prove against Saturday's opponents Manchester Phoenix.

The two teams have met four times already this season and Lightning's first league fixture of the campaign resulted in a 5-2 victory for Poole's men.

But since then Lightning have been unable to take any points from Phoenix, the reigning league champions.

Poole said: "We know the Phoenix are beatable, we've done it before and it's about time we did it again.

"They've come back from the bottom half of the league table to prove that they can still be title contenders, but we've got a point to prove too, that we're still in the race.

"Manchester dropped points in their last two matches, and Guildford lost to Telford last Sunday, which shows you how unpredictable this whole league is.

Lightning's netminders were kept busy against Basingstoke Bison. Picture: Jez Tibbetts.

Lightning 1 Basingstoke Bison 5

"It's way too early to be writing Lightning out of the story."

Influential defenceman Michael Farn has missed Lightning's last three games through injury which has stretched the team's defence, but he is expected to return to action on Saturday, to put the rearguard back to full strength.

And Lightning will face another stern test on Sunday, with an away trip to current table toppers Guildford Flames.

BASKETBALL

Trophy time for Lions as key semi-final arrives

Lions 82 Durham Wildcats 73
Guildford Heat 83 Lions 66

THIS weekend is the biggest of the season so far for Lions who are eyeing a spot in one of British basketball's biggest games.

Plymouth Raiders are the opponents in a two-leg BBL Trophy semi-final clash and if Mike New's Lions prevail, they will be one win away from some silverware.

Lions host Raiders on Friday night with a 7.30pm tip-off and they will then travel to Plymouth on Sunday for the all-important second leg.

The winner on aggregate will advance to the final and face either Sheffield or Newcastle.

To reach this stage Lions had to battle through a group stage including fierce rivals Leicester Riders and London Leopards, and head coach New has got his side pumped for the major occasion.

It will be a tough test as Plymouth are riding high in the British Basketball League and have already been beaten finalists in the BBL Cup competition this season.

Lions lost in Plymouth earlier this term but were well in the game for large periods

New told MK NEWS: "We are hungry to play and hungry to achieve our goal of getting to the trophy final.

"It's definitely our biggest two games of the season and firstly we want to win our home game, and win it by as big a margain as possible.

"But we are really confident about playing in Plymouth as well.

"They have the biggest budget in the league but when we went there earlier this season we played well."

Lions will be hoping for a packed arena on Friday to help the team gain a crucial advantage before their trip to Devon.

This weekend was one of mixed fortunes for Lions who came up against two sides who they have already defeated this season.

The league match-ups with Durham Wildcats and Guildford Heat were important ones as both sides are below Lions in the British Basketball League table, meaning New's side had the chance to increase the lead over their rivals.

Things started well with a home victory over BBL new boys Durham Wildcats but Lions were unable to make it a double delight as Guildford triumphed on their own court on Sunday afternoon.

Victory over Durham temporarily moved Lions into joint fifth position with Australian Adrien Sturt leading the scorers with 22 points.

But they were comfortably beaten by Guildford in the second of the weekend's games, despite opening up an early 15-6 advantage.

A 14-2 burst by Heat in the second quarter opened up a sizeable gap and although Lions battled gamely to close it, Guildford were always out of reach.

Star man Demarius Bolds was expelled from the game late on for a foul on Tayo Ogedengbe, which the Lions have appealed.

The result means that Lions are seventh in the league table going into the crunch trophy games.

SPORTSSHORTS

HOCKEY

MK Men 1sts 0 Spencer 0

MK HOSTED a tough Spencer side and created a fantastic chance inside five minutes, but Brett Hollands' quick shot ended up going wide.

It was an even game with opportunities from short corners being created but MK just couldn't put the ball in the back of the net.

There was a blow shortly before half time when MK found themselves down to ten men after Grant Webster stopped a Spencer player entering the 25.

But the visitors could not capitalise on having an extra man and MK dug in for a point.

MK Ladies 1sts 3 Sonning 2nds 1

MK maintained the pressure at the top of the league by coming from behind to beat Sonning 3-1.

Sophie Reynolds, Chrissy Little and Gemma Meredith were on target.

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Lions gear up for huge trophy clash – page 79

Robbo sees red in Owls draw

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MK Dons 1 Sheffield Wednesday 1

A DONS side bolstered by the major signing of Alan Smith fought out a draw in the massive top six clash with promotion rivals Sheffield Wednesday last night.

There was a flashpoint in the final ten minutes after Reda Johnson collapsed to the floor when face-to-face with Dons boss Karl Robinson after referee James Linnington had overturned a throw-in awarded to Wednesday.

Robinson screamed at Johnson *(pictured right)* to get up, but the ref saw enough to send the Dons boss to the stands, the second time this has happened in 2012.

Former Manchester United man Smith had to settle for a place among the substitutes but he came on early in the second half when both sides had already found the net.

It was a cagey, tense affair which neither side did enough to win and clear cut-chances were scarce at both ends of the pitch.

Dons were forced to reshuffle their back four due to the departure of Adam Smith and Mathias Doumbe's suspension so there were starts for Tom Flanagan and the returning Adam Chicksen.

Jay O'Shea made his second consecutive start after scoring last time out against Stevenage, and Shaun Williams returned from injury to slot into the midfield.

Jabo Ibehre dropped to the bench and there was no place for Darren Potter who missed the chance to appear against his former club due to illness.

On a freezing night Dean Bowditch warmed the gloves of Wednesday keeper Stephen Bywater early on with a sweetly struck drive following a swift counter attack.

All the talk had been about Smith but Luke Chadwick, another former Red Devils player, grabbed some headlines himself by having a huge say in the opening goal after 17 minutes.

The midfielder let fly from range and after his effort had crashed off the bar, it rebounded against the unfortunate Bywater and dropped into the net.

It may well go down as an own goal but Chadwick will certainly want to claim it having not found the target since a scoring

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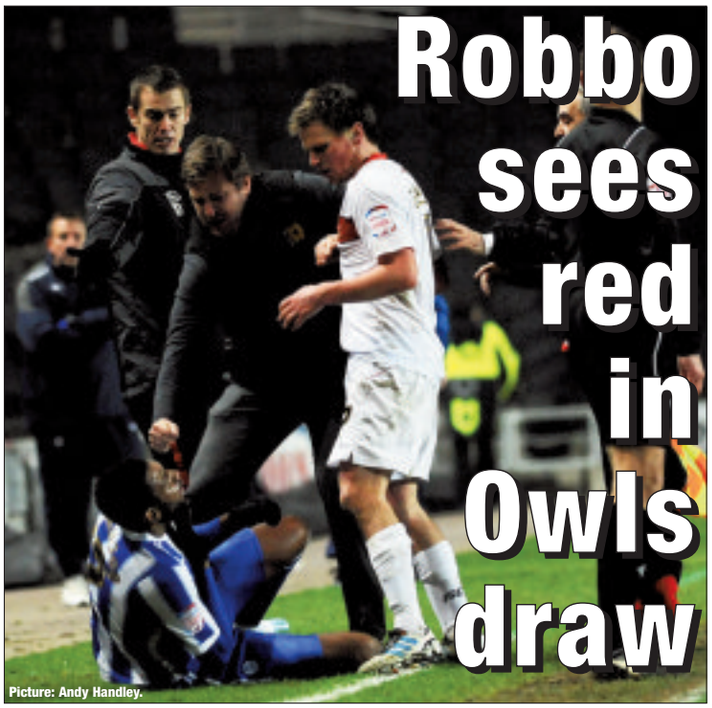
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Tavernier signs after right-back recalled

KARL Robinson moved swiftly to replace departed right-back Adam Smith yesterday.

Dons suffered a major blow when the influential defender, who was on a season's loan, was recalled by parent club Tottenham and immediately loaned out again to Championship side Leeds United.

Smith put in a number of superb attacking displays for Dons and left stadiummk on the same day his namesake Alan Smith was unveiled.

Robinson admitted to being 'let down' by the timing of the recall – a day before yesterday's closure of the transfer window – but he moved swiftly to bring in James Tavernier.

The 20-year-old full-back joins on loan for the season from Newcastle, just as Alan Smith did, and has played for promotion rivals Sheffield Wednesday.

As MK NEWS went to print Robinson was still hopeful of strengthening his squad further by the midnight deadline.

"We're still trying to do deals," he said. "We've not seen much movement across the board, but we'll be here late into the night."

Last night Dons also signed Celtic midfielder Paul Slane on loan until the end of the season while Anthony McNamee was released.

Marquee signing a fan of Dons' stylish football

ALAN Smith made his stunning move to stadiummk as he had already been blown away by the Dons' brand of stylish, attractive football.

The former Manchester United and England star has signed on-loan from Newcastle for the rest of the season in a move which has surprised many in the game.

Capturing his signature is a huge boost for the Dons' hopes of promotion to the Championship and a major coup for manager Karl Robinson.

Smith, still a household name, did have offers to play at a higher level but he was lured by his new manager's footballing philosophy.

If things go well the switch could even become a permanent one in the summer.

"You have feelings about places sometimes," Smith said when he was unveiled by the club on Monday.

"The chairman and manager have a special feeling for this football club and when myself and my agent came down we both got that feeling as well.

"I've seen MK Dons play a few times this season and I've been very impressed with how Karl's teams set-up and how they play football, especially against QPR.

"It's a football club which is building for the future and it was a decision which was so easy to make.

"As soon as you get belief about a place it's difficult to walk away, so fingers crossed that if things go well and we do get promoted something long term can happen."

Smith's career has been plagued by injuries and he has barely featured for Newcastle this season – but he said that he is match-sharp and ready to play for the club in either midfield or up front.

Dons will pay just a fraction of Smith's weekly wages for the duration of the loan spell and going up is his target.

"The club have established a team which probably needs to get out of this league to keep a lot of their players, because they are very good players," Smith said.

"A little bit of experience just to get us over the line is probably what is needed, to dig in at the right times.

"This club has the potential, with or without me here, to get promoted this season. Looking beyond that you've seen how well the likes of Southampton, Brighton and Swansea have done once they went up, all trying to play football in the right way."

Robinson had pledged to bring a 'marquee signing' to the club and is delighted to have got his man, who he believes is still Premier League quality. Thirty-one-year-old Smith is the biggest name player to ever wear the Dons shirt.

"He'll fit into the team in a number of different ways and add to the quality of the squad," the manager said.

"It shows we're ambitious. I did say about a marquee signing and people laughed, but we have produced."

■ John Gorman discusses how the transfer came about on page 78.